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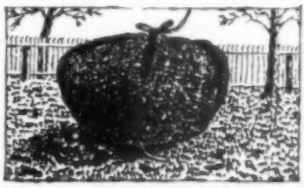

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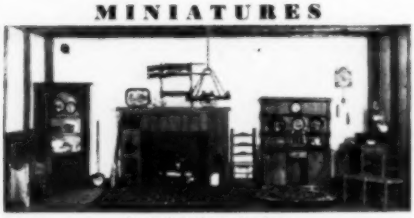

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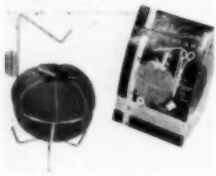

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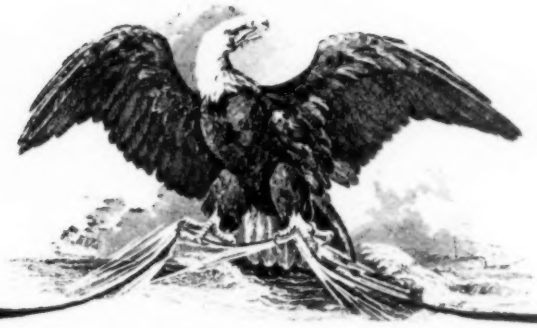

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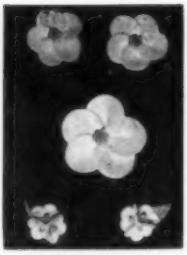

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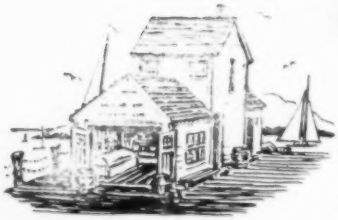

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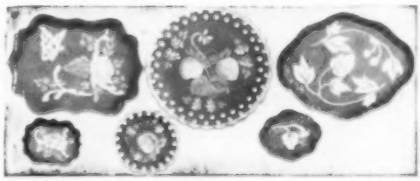

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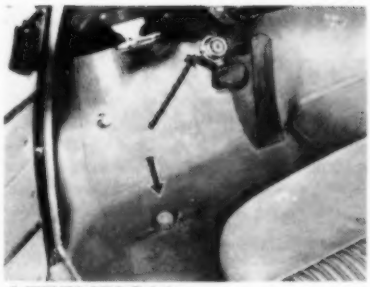

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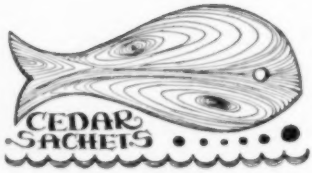

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TRAVEL and Resorts

A Salute To Little Rhody

by MARJORY HALL

RHODE ISLAND HAS LONG BEEN GEOgraphic proof that good things come in small packages. Blessed with beaches, a climate tempered by the sea to extend its vacation season, the best of boating facilities, fishing in abundance, Rhode Island makes the most of its natural endowments, adding events of significance and interest. For instance, this year the seaport town of Bristol will stage a two-hour parade on the Fourth of July, underlining its boast that Bristol is the last stronghold of the true observance of the "Grand and Glorious Fourth." In Newport the Fourth will be celebrated in another way, since July 3rd through 6th will find the famous Newport Jazz Festival drawing its dedicated fans. On June 14th, a hundred yachts will leave on the largest ocean race in the world, to Bermuda. On June 20th through the 22nd, Newport will entertain a three-day gathering of antique, classic, foreign and custom cars. The second week in August the 73rd Annual Newport Casino Tennis Tournament, oldest in the country, will be held (the Tennis Hall of Fame is located at the Casino, and open to visitors from May through October). On September 20th this year the International Yacht Races for the America's Cup, linked in the minds of many with the names of Vincent Astor and Sir Thomas Lipton, will be resumed after a lapse of twenty years. The great mansions of Newport are there to be seen, the historic houses and buildings, the village greens, the clambakes arnd barbecues, the Indian Pow-Wows, the special events—those mentioned above and many more—are all, it is Rhode Island's happy claim, within a few minutes, thanks to its pint-size, of its fine hotels, inns and motels.

Smallest of all forty-eight, little Rhody has right from the start exhibited an overgrown bump of spunk. After consistently raising its voice against British rule, this colony founded by Roger Williams and dedicated to full religious and civil liberty, declared itself independent of the mother country two months before the thirteen colonies got around to it. Thus on May 4, 1776, was created the first free republic in the New World.

Small wonder that the Rhode Island of today is proud to commemorate and celebrate the action of its doughty forebears! This year, this month—from May 3rd to 11th—you'll find the ceremonies that mark the 182nd Anniversary of Rhode Island's own Declaration of Independence. Historic houses and buildings, including the Old State House in Providence where the Declaration was made will be open. The East Side of Providence, site of the Old State House, has been called 'another Williamsburg' because of its fine Colonial buildings. The windows of University Hall at Brown, where George Washington received an honorary degree in 1790, is annually illuminated from dusk to midnight with candles placed by the students, as it was a hundred and sixty-eight years ago in

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The calendar of events that make up Rhode Island's Heritage Week is kicked off, on May 1st, by a flock of state-wide May breakfasts, held in church and grange halls, clubs, factory cafeterias, and in restaurants, and featuring as well as Rhode Island Jonnycakes and native sausages, that Rhode Island breakfast favorite, home-made pie. Red-letter days include special ceremonies throughout the week that will honor Admiral Esek Hopkins, first commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy, and General Nathanael Greene, Washington's second-in-command. Libraries and schools throughout the state supplement the week's activities with special exhibits and pageants. During the week following, on May 14th and 15th, the Pawtucket Garden Club will hold its annual flower show in the historic Old Slater Mill, with "Industry in Bloom" for its provocative theme.

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Places to see in Rhode Island, as well as things to do not only during Heritage Weeks but the other wonderful weeks of the long summer season, are numerous. If you want additional or specific information, we suggest you write to: Summer Events Desk, Rhode Island Development Council, State House, Providence, Rhode Island.

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The Yankee Homecoming calendar includes two events this month: on the 10th, Ethan Allen Day Pageant, at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, just across the lake from Vermont; Her Majesty's Yankee Week, beginning May 18, Boston-Worcester-Providence-Hartford.

The annual Cape Cod Boats Afloat Show is scheduled to be held in Falmouth Harbor on Memorial Day weekend.

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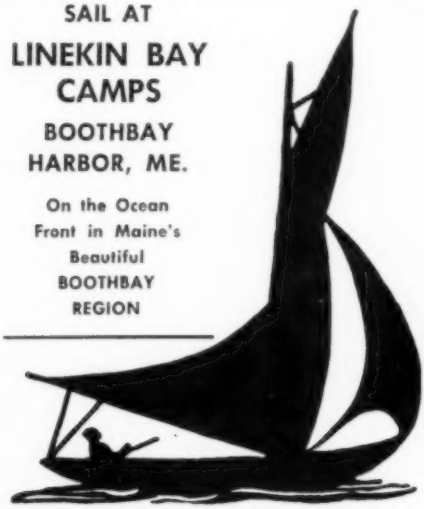

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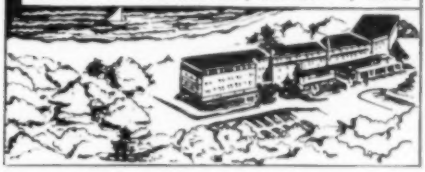

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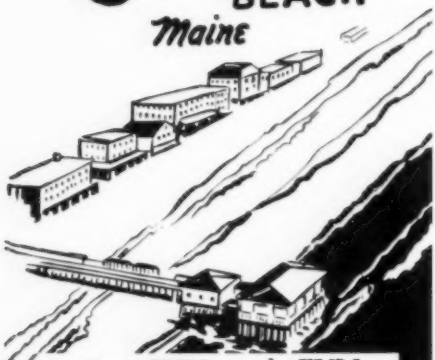

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Opposite page: The bluffs of Block Island. The Oracle does not live here, but does live on an island.

SAYINGS of the ORACLE

No letters answered except through this column. Watch for yours.

►*Md.: Dear Oracle:* In the January issue of YANKEE there is a picture of Lesser Gorms. Pray tell me, Oracle, what are Gorms? J.R.P.

Answer: We are afraid that this is a subject which we may not discuss in too much detail in this column. If you will turn to Dickens "David Copperfield", and look up Old Man Peggoty, the father of Ham, you will at once observe that his favorite cussword was "I'll be gormed!" Considering the fact that he lived near a beach in the hull of an old, abandoned vessel, the relationship between him, the picture in YANKEE and the word, is at once apparent, and apparently, one of those things not to be talked about in mixed company.

To your last, No, be blowed if we believe any variety of grease-monkey would stand to be called a gorm!

►*Texas: Dear Oracle:* ***** and it's a most unfortunate thing that Long Bill's boy just sits around, or rides, as the case may be, but he never has much to say—" H.D.

Answer: There's something wrong somewhere! No real Texan ever suffered from such a complaint before and you may lay to that!

►*Ariz: Dear Oracle:* They tell me that there are mirages on the ocean, same as we have in the desert country. Is this true? O.F.

Answer: Yep! But it don't do to call 'em mirages until you have sailed through 'em. Feller we know thought he saw the mirage of an ocrean liner one time and didn't pay any attention to it. More than two hundred people turned out to his funeral.

►*Dear Oracle:* What are you yearning to fill that jug with? I have held one many times as I have had to cruise to find fresh water. My well is dry. R.P.D.

Answer: Dear Marm: If our well was dry we would probably enjoy filling that jug with fresh water, too. But seeings as the water stands a fathom deep in the well——maybe something to mix with the water wouldn't go so bad at that.

►*N.J.: Dear Oracle:* Did you ever hear of planting potatoes and onions together so that, in case of dry weather the onions would make the potatoes eyes water? A.K.

Answer: Peas work just as well, maybe a mite better, and they don't get the potato eyes all red.

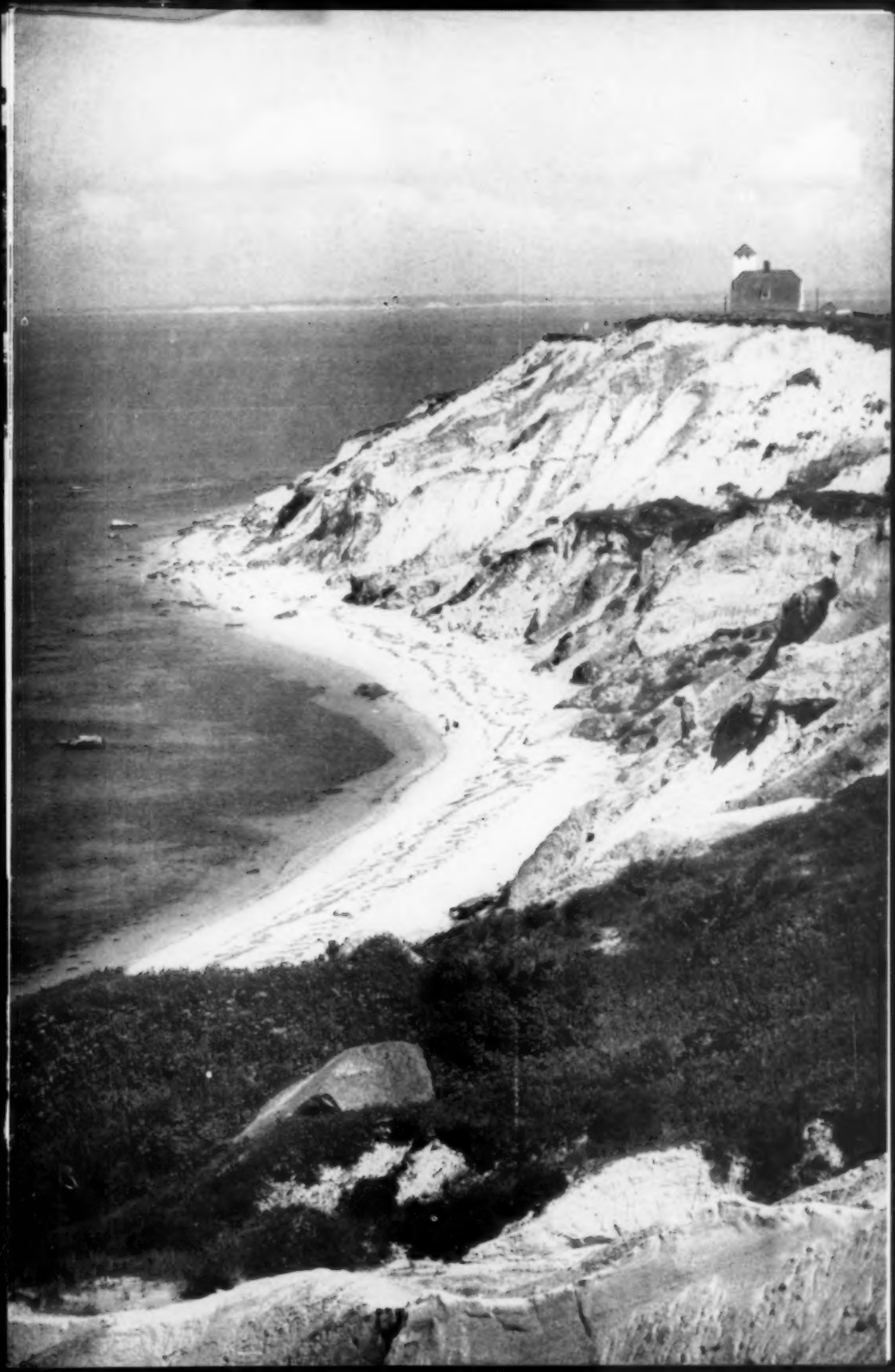
►*Ga.: Dear Oracle:* Did you drink the cider in that jug before you started looking into it for visions? Hi Hill.

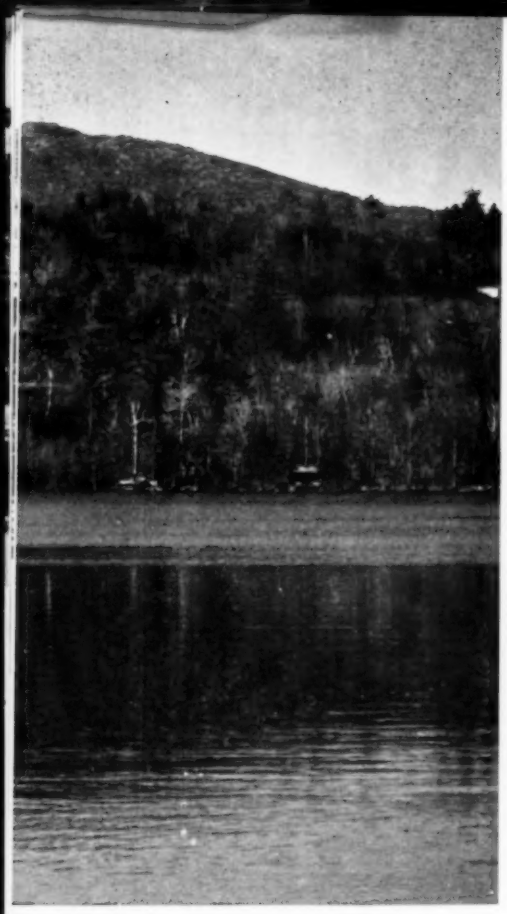
Answer: Brother, you must be as old as we are and you should know better! The only cider we ever encountered which would inspire visions, belongs to a day that has gone.

Mid-fall, and a gale of wind that shakes off the heft of the leather-jacket russets, and blows the turkeys out of the trees where they roost. Pick up the apples and put 'em through the mill, and give the resultant liquid a couple of weeks to get organized and it can inspire!

►*Fla.: Dear Oracle:* ***** and when the half-gale breezed from off the sea I thought longingly of the old base-burning coal-stove in the settingroom, back in Maine, with the easy chair, draped with a sheep-skin with the wool on. Such comfort! K.L.

Answer: It takes a heluva lot more than either a name or label to shift the temperature and you may lay to that!

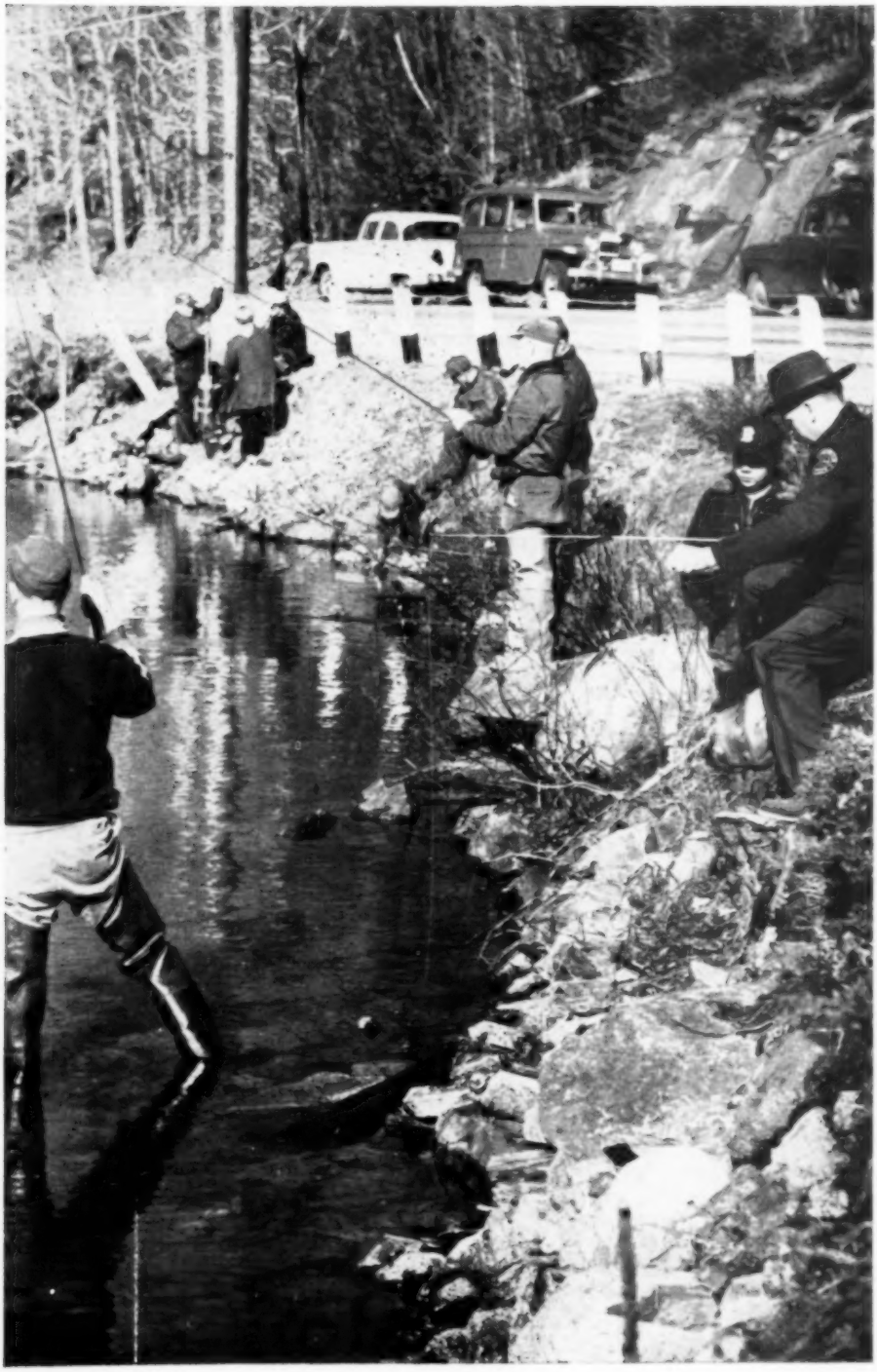




First Day...

On the 29th of last month, the lakes, ponds, rivers and streams of New Hampshire were overrun with eager fishermen. The only Isaac Walton to experience any peace and quiet was the lucky fellow with a boat. Those without a boat battled it out on the shore, tangling lines, occasionally falling off a slippery rock but having a good time.

While the small boy, below, did not seem overly impressed with the size of the fish caught by the big man, in general the catch on First Day was fairly large, both in quantity and size. Another youngster, opposite page, prefering to get first-hand information, collared Game Warden Kenneth Warren, who showed him how to un-snarl his reel. All these photographs were taken last year on Dublin Lake, about a mile from YANKEE'S offices.



by LORNA BEERS

The Christening

DID YOU SEE WHAT I SAW, RUBY Ann?"

Ruby Ann did not answer immediately. She shifted Baby from her left shoulder to her right. A year of marriage to Luke Sperling had taught her to take a sounding before she spoke. She stole a glance at him with dark, too-large troubled eyes, then stared again at the rump of the old horse.

It was just past noon on a fine June Sunday. The sky was full of sails, and birds twittered from every bough and bush. The rims of the buggy wheels grated on the sandy road with a pleasant sound. Old Fanny's hooves went clop, clop, and the loose harness jingled.

"What was it you saw, Luke?"

"That water comin' out of the church window. Did you see it?"

"Yes, I saw it, Luke."

"What did you figure it was, Ruby Ann?"

"I dunno. What did you think it was, Luke?"

"It looked to me as if it was thrown out of the silver basin. Did it look that way to you, Ruby Ann?"

"That's the way it looked to me, Luke."

He took the whip and flicked a blue fly that was circling around Fanny's tail.

"He's a young fool," Luke said.

Three wrinkles appeared on Ruby Ann's brow. "He baptized Baby so nice," she said. "James John Sperling. After your Pa and my Pa. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. That's what he said."

"Maybe he did that part all right. I'm not taking any exception to that part, Ruby Ann. He should have looked before he tossed the water outside the window, that's what I'm saying."

"Luke," she said timidly, "what do you do with the blessed water? You wouldn't throw it you-know-where, would you?"

"No, I wouldn't do that, Ruby Ann. But I wouldn't throw it out of the window on somebody's old horse, neither."

"Would you drink it up?" she said, meek but persistent.

"No, I wouldn't do that, neither."

They rode along in silence, both studying Fanny, who trotted along in a sprightly way for so venerable a horse. She was a ridiculous old mare, dirty white in color, with barky knots on her legs, and enormous hooves. As she trotted her hammer head nodded in a tempo quite different from the beat of her trot. Because it was Sunday, and because Baby was taken to church in East Doncaster to be baptized, Fanny wore a straw hat with two holes in the brim, through which protruded her hairy ears. This hat had a dark stain along the brim where it had been wet with the baptismal water.

"Luke," said Ruby Ann, "I don't see what harm's done. Old Fanny being wet with James John's baptismal water. I don't see why it bothers you so."

"Because creatures are outside salvation, that's why."

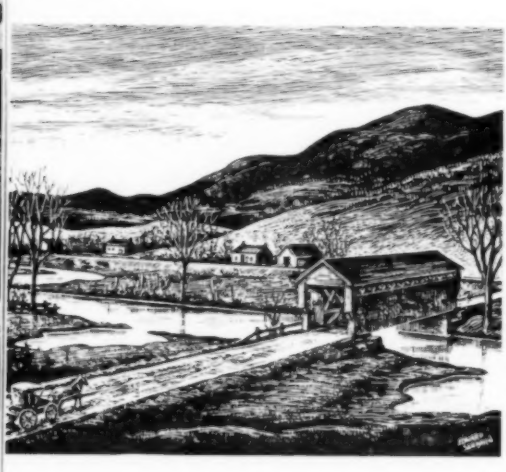
"Are they, Luke? Does the Bible say so?"

She looked at the bushes on his side of the road just to let her eye make a fleeting survey of his face without seeming deliberately to be scanning that dangerous weathervane.

"Of course it says so."

"Where?"

He did not answer. They rode along in silence. The sunshine sparkled past the curly young leaves and made a flicker of gold and gauzy shadow. "My, look at the Wake Robin," said Ruby Ann. "I've never seen so many Wake Robins. It's a



good spring for Wake Robins. They look so pretty with all them foam flowers. I thought it very obliging of Mrs. Prattle to have her new summer hat on when she stood up with us. I thought Baby saw the flowers. I am sure he reached his hand for the flowers. Did you see him reach his hand for the flowers, and him only two months old? The church looked so pretty too. I wonder where they found them fiddle ferns, all open, pale as peas. The church didn't smell the least musty, the way it does sometimes. I suppose that was the windows being open and the breeze comin' through off the common." Ruby Ann drew a deep breath. It was not often she made such a long speech.

"You don't need to try to smooth it over about them windows being open, Ruby Ann. You're always smoothin' things over. Not that I like a woman that always has her back up, neither. Them new trustees, what do they know? Nothin'. You better shut them windows, I said. Bees been known to come in them windows, I said. The solemn word of the Lord can't stand up to a bee circlin' around tryin' to find honey in the cloth flowers on them hats women wear. You'd think the word of the Lord 'd be able to stand up against a honey bee nectarin' on Mrs. Deacon Prattle's hat, but it ain't so. Bein' it ain't so it's the concern of the trustees to see the windows are shut. Try to tell 'em."

"No bee came in, Luke. I didn't see a bee."

"Well, there wasn't a bee. There might have been a bee, but there wasn't one. I didn't say there was a bee. It was what flew out of the window I am talkin' about. I am a church man, and my father was a church man before me. I wouldn't any more belittle the sacraments than I'd cut off my right hand. Just supposing somebody saw that water fly out of the window and hit Fanny like it was aiming at a target, wouldn't he go around saying how he saw the baptismal water hit Luke Sperling's old mare, and then there'd be gigglin', and Ruby Ann, I don't want my name associated with it, in any way, shape, or form. Ruby Ann, you don't need to mention what happened, not to your mother, nor to your sister Kate, nor to anybody else. Soon it would be all around, and even if we didn't have any part of it, except that it was old Fanny standing there, we'd be spoke of as belittlin' the sacraments."

"O Luke, I'd never mention it. I'd never dream of mentioning it."

"Well, you better not."

They rode in silence. Ruby Ann blinked from time to time. At last she said, "Luke, you said creatures were outside salvation. Luke, I've been thinkin' over the Scripture. There was Balaam's ass, Luke."

"Well, all right, there was Balaam's ass. What about Balaam's ass?"

"He saw the angel when Balaam couldn't."

"Well, what about it? It was an act of the Lord."

"I didn't say it wasn't an act of the Lord. But Luke, if you saw an angel, aren't you inside salvation? If I saw an angel I'd know I was inside salvation. I'd know it. Wouldn't you, if you saw an angel, Luke?"

"Well, I guess I would. Yes, I'll allow you that, Ruby Ann. If I saw an angel, I'd know I was inside salvation."

"My grandma Finch saw an angel. It was when she lay dyin'. There's the angel of the Lord, she said. Don't cry and redden your eyes, she said. It's the angel of the Lord (*Continued on page 102*)

Johnson and his painting of Dublin. He is pointing to the YANKEE *office building.*

AMERICA'S SPACE PILOT

by JOSEPH A. OWENS

LAST FEBRUARY THE NAME ROY W. Johnson rocketed from newspapers' dull grey business pages to coveted space on page one. The launching pad was a vice president's chair in General Electric's New York executive offices. The assignment: pilot of America's outer space program.

Satellites, rockets, missiles, and anti-missile missiles don't faze the outer space chief who claims no science background. An extremely confident Mr. Johnson told a sky-conscious country the day the Defense Department announced his appointment that he will put the Advanced Research Projects Agency's (ARPA) feet on the ground and blast its vehicles into outer space within two years. If he's successful, Mr. Johnson, an aspiring amateur artist on weekends, will be picking up his brushes not two, but seven days a week by 1960.

"I'm really serious about painting," says 52-year-old Mr. Johnson, proudly showing numerous oils and water colors he has completed in a small first floor "studio" of the Johnson home in Stamford, Connecticut. His wife, the former Ellen Lehtinen of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, approves of her husband's painting.

The majority of his expressions through pigment mixtures are portraits of New England communities with a local church prominent in each. Jaffrey, Harrisville, and Dublin are among the historic Granite State hamlets he has put on canvas. Thirteen of his oils hang in the educational wing of the new St. John's

Lutheran Church, Stamford. Mr. Johnson, a church deacon and building committee member, plans to give 15 paintings in all.

Explaining the magnetic attraction of an easel, the blue-eyed Indiana native with grey flecked bronze hair, says, "Men want to create. It is the ambition of every person who walks through this life of ours. Women are the greatest creators in the world, bringing children and homes into existence. For men it is much tougher. Men provide the shelter, food, and concern themselves with the physical. I use painting as an escape hatch from business and constant thinking—a creative means to avoid frustration. Remember, men not women, become frustrated the easiest."

To speed the day when ARPA will be functioning smoothly and he will be a candidate for semi or full retirement Mr. Johnson went to the Pentagon in February though his assignment carried an April 1 date. "If the agency isn't a good office in two years, it will never be set up efficiently." He was one of the management Team that designed General Electric's 1951 decentralization move placing 280,000 employees and 95 divisions under 49 managers. Previously General Electric management was termed difficult because of "sheer size."

Though he is lifting the burden of paper work which has weighed down America's space weapons, Mr. Johnson himself is earth-bound. He doesn't yet have a desire to personally explore the moon or any other planet. New England, he is sure, offers enough for him. The Johnsons vacation each summer in Jaffrey and maintain a Cape Cod-styled home, a rifle shot from the Merritt Parkway in Stamford, as their permanent residence.

As director of ARPA Mr. Johnson, who added bifocals with the new title, awards development and research contracts. He can call upon all branches of the military for the loan of scientists and technicians and also use their facilities for actual construction should he decide the project does not belong in private industry. He dislikes labelling ARPA a "coordinating unit" but does admit it "prevents costly design duplication and construction of unnecessary hardware."

His early weeks in the nation's capital convinced Mr. Johnson that Washington is not as confused as during the World War II years when he was in the Office of Price Administration and later the War Productions Board. However, he says there is a sense of "urgency" filling the atmosphere in the Free World control center.

Before his first introduction to government procedures, Mr. Johnson was part owner of a small advertising agency in Hartford, Connecticut. When the firm's three major accounts became war casualties he sold out and went to Washington.

This 1927 graduate of the University of Michigan used advertising as a pathway to business administration. He wrote General Motors copy for three years before moving over to the General Electric ad department. By 1948, though he had left the appliance empire twice, he had become a vice president.

Aggressiveness, a Johnson trait, has not caused this converted business executive to trip over Pentagon red tape. Slowness does irk him, but the risks warrant delays, he explains. "In private business success can be more pronounced and failure more abrupt. A democratic government can't take these chances."

While building the agency designed and commissioned to regain the prestige lost to Russian Sputniks last year he does not want to be known as a "space czar" or by any similar nickname. "I'm an organizer and I'll be happy to leave when the job is done."

Stock he holds in General Electric assures the Johnsons comfortable living after Mr. Johnson leaves his present $18,000 per-year post and plants some "seed corn," perhaps with a private nonprofit foundation, allowing plenty of time for painting—or he may just paint.

Mr. Johnson expects to see regular trips back and forth to the moon within his lifetime, but insists he won't be rushing for a seat. After all there are hundreds of appealing little New England towns to capture on canvas and—he has just started on abstract art.

by JEAN BURDEN

With Love from Vincent

SHRINES ARE SOMETIMES FOUND IN odd places. On a quiet side street in Los Angeles, in a nondescript neighborhood, is an apartment court looking very much like a hundred others. The second cottage from the left, however, is dedicated to one of America's great ladies of literature, and within its small dimensions are crammed photographs, letters, souvenirs, and mementoes to turn any collector or museum curator green with envy. High priestess is a brief, bright-eyed little woman with white hair and a firm handshake, known to everyone from Camden, Maine (her birthplace) to California as "Aunt Susie."

But the one to whom the title meant most is the woman with auburn hair and green eyes who looks down from every wall—Aunt Susie's own Edna St. Vincent Millay.

Susan Emery Ricker, younger sister of Cora ("Nell") B. Millay, Vincent's mother, was a doting aunt from the beginning. Although she had two boys of her own (George and Randolph), Nell's three little girls were almost like her own. She made baby dresses for Vincent, exquisite with her careful crocheting, and later her high school graduation dress which Vincent proudly wore the day she won First Prize and a ten-dollar gold piece for her poem "La Joie de Vivre," a 65-line poem that Aunt Susie can recite without prompting to this day.

All three girls—Kathleen, Norma and Vincent—visited Aunt Susie, but she remembers that Vincent was the most mischievous. "She was just plain impish," Susie recalls, looking back the long corridor of eighty years. "But quick and smart too. Once she pulled up all the flowers in my best border just because I had told her not to. She slashed the fringe of the damask table cloth—for the same reason! I never actually spanked her, but my palm itched once or twice."

As she grew older and began to send verses out to magazines, it was Aunt Susie who often typed them for her. Susie had a typewriter and the Millays had none. As her niece quickly grew from a young local girl with talent to one of America's foremost lyric poets, Aunt Susie's pride kept pace. All over New England she gave readings of Millay's poems, knowing most of them "by heart." When Vincent married Eugen Boissevain and moved into the narrowest house in New York, tucked away on an equally narrow street in Greenwich Village, it was Aunt Susie, of course, who proudly made the curtain tassels.

In a stout box are all the letters Vincent wrote to her "pretty Aunt Susie" (though as she admitted often, she hated writing letters), most of them from Steepletop in Austerlitz, New York, where she and her husband spent the major part of their married life, and where, alone in the middle of the night, halfway up the stairs, Edna St. Vincent Millay died of a heart attack in 1950.

The letters, full of affection, homely family references, and wit, reveal as much of Aunt Susie as they do of their writer. Acknowledging the gift of an old paisley shawl, she wrote:

> Thank you ever and ever so much, dear Aunt Susie. How darling and courageous of my beautiful red-headed grandmother *at that time* to *dare* to wear a shawl of that *bright* red colour!!

Aunt Susie's favorite photograph of her famous niece, taken at her desk, not long after college.

Even now *I* think twice before putting on a red sweater!
How beautiful she must have looked!*

Aunt Susie never missed an opportunity to show her devotion. Once she spent weeks knitting a doll of intricate design. Her name was Mandy Lou, and she set off for Steepletop with a verse from her creator:

Mandy Lou is traveling,
Headed your way—
Prithee extend welcome,
She plans to stay.

But for once Aunt Susie's ingenuity met an unexpected response. With characteristic honesty, Vincent wrote on September 27, 1937:

Dear Aunt Susie:
Now about the doll.
Darling, it's the cleverest thing I ever saw, the most marvelous work, and the whole thing so ingenious. I admire it enormously. *But*—I just don't happen to like dolls, any dolls, no matter how clever or beautiful they are; the only dolls I like are the ones I used to have when I was a tiny child, the ones with the matted flaxen hair.
There's just something missing from my make-up, that's all.
I'm telling you this honestly, because I know you really wanted to know.
And I'm doing what is never done. Since I really don't appreciate it, since it's really lost on me, I'm quite simply and reasonably sending it back to you, so you can give it to somebody who will love it—or otherwise keep it yourself.
Now do you hate me?
Lots of love to you both,
(signed)
Vincent

The doll and the letter arrived at the same time. A small fuzzy kitten was tied to the doll's arm with a white silk ribbon, and a tiny typewritten note was tucked in behind it. The note read: "I am coming home again to live, because I have not really been quite appreciated. Aunt Edna has been very kind to me, however—she gave me a blue velvet cushion to sit on—and a kitten named Fluffy to

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Edna St. Vincent Millay in the high school graduation dress made for her by Aunt Susie, in which she recited "La Joie de Vivre" which won first prize and a ten dollar gold piece. Opposite page: Susie Emery Ricker and Mandy Lou, the doll which Vincent returned.

play with. I am bringing the kitten home with me—Aunt Edna said I might, for I have grown so attached to it."

Aunt Susie, undaunted, replied by return mail: "You bet I won't give Mandy Lou away—thank you more than I can say for a grand and unusual souvenir from Steepletop and you."

Another memento, as equally cherished as Mandy Lou, is a towel. Its story is implicit in Vincent's letter of September 14, 1940:

> Dear Aunt Susie:
> I am sending you a little present of no value whatsoever except sentimental value, but I think you will be pleased to have it. It is a face towel, as you will see, with hemstitching on two ends and a piece of the worst crocheting you ever saw in your life on one end. The hemstitching was done, I am almost sure, by mother when she sewed on the piece of crocheting, which is, if you please, the only piece of crocheting I ever did in my life, and I did it at the age of nine. I can remember the date very well, because it was done while we were living in Rockport before we moved to Ring's Island, and I had my tenth birthday on Ring's Island, so I must have been either eight or nine when I did this masterpiece.
> The towel, which has been lying around for a long time, waiting to be sent you, is, as you will see, in need of laundering, but I was afraid that in having it laundered the tear in the lace, if one might call it that, if one might call it lace, I mean, might become bigger and I thought you might prefer to mend the tear before having the towel laundered.
> I hope you will think it fun to have it. It amused me to think of sending to you who do the most beautiful crocheting in the world the most awful piece of crocheting ever done in the world.
> Lots of love to you, dear Aunt Susie. I think of you often. Eugen sends *his* love, too. (This is a horrible new pen—I'm going to send it back.) But there's nothing wrong with our love, dear, and we send you lots of it.
> (signed)
> Vincent

Their correspondence was not always light-hearted. A week after Pearl Harbor Aunt Susie received the saddest news of her life: her older son, George, a Colonel in the Army Coast Artillery, and a member of General Marshall's staff, was reported missing in a flight from Washington to the west coast. No trace of the

plane. No radio signals. Only silence. Quick to rush to Aunt Susie's side with all the comfort and sympathy she could muster was Vincent:

> Dearest Aunt Susie:—
> I have just received your letter. My first instinct, of course, was to get as close to you as I could, in the quickest way I could—which would be by long-distance telephone—just to tell you with my own voice that I am waiting and watching with you—but I realized at once that to do such a thing might cause you more excitement (thinking that here at last was news, perhaps good news), or more unnecessary alarm, than any comfort you might perhaps receive from talking with me. For of course I have no news of any kind.
> I had heard nothing of the disappearance of the plane until I got your letter. But I cannot help thinking that the old "no news is good news" is particularly true in a case like this. The pilot may for some reason have been obliged to change his course, and to make a forced landing at some point further away than anyone would think at all likely, and they may quite possibly be all safe, yet unable so far to communicate.
> If their radio was damaged in landing, this would be the case. If they came down safely, then wherever they are, they will have matches to build fires to keep them warm, and they were warmly clothed for the flight, and, being officers, they would be carrying revolvers, and are good shots,—and the small game in such a wild place as they probably are (since they have not yet been sighted) should be plentiful.
> Also, highly trained as they are, they will be much more resourceful in many other ways, and so have a much better chance to come out of it safe and sound, than the average citizen would have.
> So we will wait, together, darling! I know that I do not need to tell you to keep up heart: I know of what stuff you are made, and a fine thing it would be, if George, returning home from a pretty harrowing experience, found his mother in a nervous breakdown!
> . . . Enclosed is a poem of mine from last Sunday's New York Times Magazine — which might have been written for my dear cousin George.
>
> Love to you from both Eugen and me.
> Love—you know how much—
> from Vincent

Over and over again during the long vigil Aunt Susie read one of Vincent's sonnets—the one about the planet Venus*: (*Continued on page 92*)

*COLLECTED POEMS. Harper & Brothers (1956). Sonnet CXXVII, page 687.

The author inspects the firebox of the famed steam bike, now in a Florida museum.

The Fabulous Steam Bike

by Harvey J. Miller

When New Hampshire-born Sylvester H. Roper appeared at Boston's famed Charles River bicycle track back at the turn of the century, the 73-year-old inventor spread immediate dismay among the host of wheelmen gathered for the day-long races. For ahead of him, the graying little man pushed a fire-eating, smoke-belching bicycle, and importuned race officials to let him pit his steed against the champion pedal-pushers at the track.

Soon, as steam pressure quickly rose in his compact boiler to 180 pounds, about that used later in the nation's giant steam locomotives, the little one-cylinder engine perked up, and the bicycle ran three times around the mile track to his competitors' once!

The huffing, puffing little engine was making the bike cut a lively 40-mile-an-hour pace on the back stretch when spectators noticed the front wheel on Roper's creating wobbling uncertainly. Seconds later it veered off the track and onto the sand, overturning and throwing Roper off.

The riders rushed to his assistance. When they lifted the old inventor, only a slight cut above the temple seemed the extent of his injuries. But medical investigation revealed Roper had died of a heart attack while riding, and life was extinct before his wheel hit the dust. And the mechanical genius had had the foresight to prevent injury to spectators from a bursting boiler, by using his last conscious moment to shut the steam off!

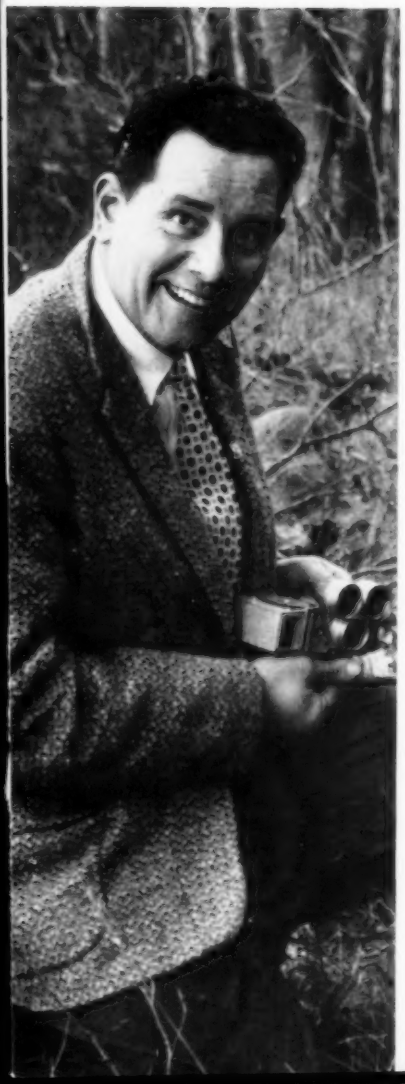
The steam bike that proved trail's end for the noted New Englander now reposes in America's Circus City, Sarasota, Florida, as a permanent exhibit and reminder of Roper's genius.

And the bike still runs!

by EMELINE K. PAIGE

EDITOR'S NOTE: ESP, like weather forecasting, is sometimes apparently possible—sometimes not. YANKEE gives you this article for what it is, no more, no less.

The Man Who Knows



"I'll do what I can—" the big man said, and turned from the telephone.

Requests for help were not uncommon to his experience, so it was no surprise that an acquaintance in Philadelphia, whose daughter was missing, should call him—in Florida—to ask for the kind of assistance that *only he* could give.

Concentration clouded the tall man's face for a few minutes, then he picked up the telephone again. "Tell the police to look in the river fifteen feet from the boathouse, near the left bank . . . they will find your daughter's body there . . ."

. . . and Peter Hurkos hung up.

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In a comfortably air-conditioned office in Texas half a dozen men watched as a large map was spread on the floor. There were three stones on a desk's glass top, each picked up on land recently purchased. The big man glanced at the map, holding one of the stones in his hand. Almost causally he placed it on the map, then did the same with the second stone.

"I'll have a beer," he said, nodding to one of the men. After a slow swallow he set the third stone on the map. "There is oil here at 15,000 feet, here at 4,500 feet, and here at 11,200 feet," and he pointed to each stone in turn.

Peter Hurkos had made one mistake: drilling found the oil to be only *11,000* feet below the surface under the third stone.

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The Man Who Knows

Placing stones on a map, Hurkos can forecast the location of an oil well and the depth at which oil will be found.

IT ALL STARTED ONE DAY IN HOLLAND. The bandaged head moved slightly on the pillow. The big man had been in the hospital in a coma for three days—since a fall from a ladder knocked him unconscious.

Slowly, his eyes opened. At the next bed a nurse was assisting a patient about to be released after recovering from an injury sustained in an automobile accident. As the eyes of the two men met, the bandaged one said, "Good morning, Mynheer Burgmeier." The other, looking around quickly, replied, "My name is not Burgmeier. It is Joop de Vries.

"No . . . you are Hans Burgmeier, a bank teller at a bank in Rotterdam. I see you putting money into a bag and hurrying away . . . and an automobile accident . . . " The other snapped the cover of his suitcase and hurried from the room.

The nurse began to strip the vacated bed. "What made you call Mynheer de Vries 'Mynheer Burgmeier'?" she asked, not certain that Peter Hurkos was fully conscious, for his eyes were closed again.

"That is his name."

"How do you know?"

"I don't know . . . but it is so." After a minute or two the patient spoke again, this time with some anxiety. "And you, Nurse Zelder—you must be very careful. I see you on a train, and you may lose your valise—"

Thoroughly startled, the nurse moved to the side of the bed. "How do you know my name?"

"I don't know—"

Turning away, Nurse Zelder pulled the bottom sheet from the empty bed and a folded paper fell to the floor. It was a driver's license, made out in the name of Hans Burgmeier, its description fitting "Joop de Vries."

Nurse Zelder rushed to the office of the Director, showed him the license and repeated the brief conversation between the men. While the Director informed the police that their bank robber had just left his hospital, Nurse Zelder tried to tell him of the injured man's warning to her.

Impatiently, the Director muttered: "Delirium!"

"But Dr. Pieters, this morning on my way here by train from Amsterdam *I did lose my valise!*"

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Peter Hurkos—a big man, 6′3″ and not looking overweight at 228 pounds—does not know why or how he knows what he knows . . . why the smallest detail, of no seeming importance—such as the third button on a man's vest being sewn with blue thread instead of black—appears on the radar screen of his mind. He doesn't know how he can take a photograph selected at random from two or three hundred on a table before him, hold it in his hand and know at once where the pictured person is, what he is doing, and the state of his health. His information is as accurate when he is blindfolded as when his eyes are open.

Maria Hurkos, young, attractive, Belgian, and a licensed pilot for both day and night flying, would be just as happy if her husband did not greet her after a simple shopping expedition with, "You bought a green dress with a silver belt for $35, and tried on two others before you chose this one." She has no opportunity to surprise him with a new necktie for his birthday, a new hat for herself, or even a new kind of dessert for dinner.

Some call it "extra sensory perception"; some call it a "sixth sense." Whatever it is, it enables Peter Hurkos to solve riddles, to see around corners, and—most important—to right wrong. Working with the police of 27 countries, speaking five languages besides his native Dutch (he has learned English in the past ten months and speaks it with a slight Scottish accent), this man is at home anywhere in the world because nothing is new or strange to him.

In his bulging scrapbooks are clippings, pictures, citations. One of the latter bears the crest and seal of Spain's Franco; another, highly prized, is signed by the Archbishop of Mechlin and was presented at the request of Pope Pius XII. His files hold hundreds of letters from men and women whose lives have benefited in one way or another through the exercise of Peter Hurkos's "sixth sense."

Living now at Glen Cove, on the coast of Maine, overlooking Penobscot Bay, Peter Hurkos has spent nearly a year giving laboratory demonstrations of his remarkable ability to *know* almost everything about other people. These tests will help medical science to understand more of the extra sensory perception so highly developed in this Dutch house painter.

For those with respect for figures, it is of interest that in certain tests in which Peter Hurkos made a perfect score, an electronic brain shows that the odds of accomplishing this by chance are ONE in 629,000,000,000,000,000,000 times.

Listening to opera recordings, painting a little (pictures, not houses—and with great speed and dramatic color), working on his boat, and cooking, are things for his spare time. He receives as many as 1200 letters a week from people who feel that Peter Hurkos can help them.

When the telephone rings it may be Boston or Buenos Aires . . . and when he leaves from the airport four miles from his home, he may be heading for Cleveland or Cairo.

Peter Hurkos can't say "No—"

Instead, he says, "I'll do what I can!"

How to be an Author — Without Writing

by Liam Dougherty

In these days of do-it-oneself, when every man is his own psychiatrist, it has become the fashion to express the ego creatively "at home in your spare time." Most of the popular ways of doing this seem to involve expensive equipment, sharp tools or the tender muscles of the lower back.

If you have already joined this movement and are happily scuffing sawdust about in a whirring basement, do not, as the advertisements say, read this. But, if you're still moping about the house with a warmed-over psyche and five thumbs on each hand, I want to talk to you. I am going to dangle the catnip of Affected Authorship beneath your nose.

If you've always envied The Author his aura of glamor and social prestige, but thought of Writing as a dull, tedious businsess demanding a long apprenticeship, Affected Authorship is for you. It is safe, clean, economical and more fun than a barrel of plywood. A few profitable minutes spent acquiring the rudiments of its technique will put you in a position from which you can look down on less fortunate contemporaries who are proprietors of more mundane accomplishments—such as an ability to replace faucet washers or speak to the waiter in French.

The theory behind Affected Authorship is so simple that it can be summed up in a succinct motto like THINK: Always Talk About Writing; Always Be About To Begin Writing; But Never Write! Very little equipment is needed, and this can usually be found in any attic. Here, let me take your hand.

The first thing you will need is a desk. It will be your most important tool so you can afford to be particular about its selection. The thousand and one details of astute desk management will become your fundamental excuse for not getting down to business. After a little practice with the desk, you will find that you can appear to be as busy as a chameleon on a plaid vest for weeks on end without ever coming close to wetting your pencil. Behind it you will be invulnerable. Ordinary writers can work anywhere, but the serious non-writer *must* have a desk.

It should be an impressive piece of furniture because it has to communicate awe-inspiring properties. A wife's voice when she points it out to visitors, "This is where Fred works!" should vibrate. It must have plenty of drawers. Many happy hours can be spent cleaning and arranging these instead of writing. No one but you should ever touch your desk, even to dust it. That is why an old-fashioned roll-top is ideal.

Speaking of privacy naturally brings us to A Room Of Your Own. Here, you can perfect techniques learned at the desk. Being incommunicado, you can relax and get down to serious reading without having to put up any front at all.

A typewriter is a good thing to have, but not an absolute necessity if you have become adept at desk-handling. Once you have one, though, you will wonder how you ever put off writing before. Typewriters supply the fascination of the mechanical toy, besides lending them-

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selves to standard procrastinating techniques, such as cleaning keys, changing ribbons, etc. If you become an *afficionado,* you will develop new ones of your own —like fabricating the Bolivian flag from dollar signs.

By now, if you have applied yourself, you have your family and friends at your mercy. You have acquired a facility for dramatizing preparations to write. You speak constantly, with authoritative purpose, about getting out "some real stuff," and can go without shaving for days with impunity. Just so long as you never write anything, no one can point a finger. At parties you have begun to stand out like the men who wear black patches over one eye and tatoos on their cigarette hand. It is a heady feeling and you will want to go on.

Later, after you have thoroughly mastered the intricacies of social Affected Authorship, you will discover that your regular job is beginning to interfere with your new argyle career. If all has gone well and you feel that you have developed an insouciance that you can drip dry without pressing, hand in your notice. You will be able to sense this moment when it arrives.

Once you find yourself at home, not-writing full time, it will not be long before you consider building a studio at the back of the yard to escape the annoyance of family activities about the house. The instinct is normal enough at this stage of development, but be wary. Many a silent Shakespeare has been lost at this point to the building trades. That sort of thing is what we started out to avoid in the first place. It smacks of work and would be beneath you, if you're the man I think you are.

I urge you to think twice about this for another, practical reason. Nothing is so valuable as housework to forstall writing —especially to the male non-writer. The countless opportunities it can suggest for

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delaying tactics are golden.

Of course, while you have been making all this progress, you have been snatching at chances to run errands for the neighbors: pay light bills, renew licenses, take cars to be greased. They will co-operate readily in this scheme because they know that these services are normally thrust upon writers. (In our society, almost everyone knows a writer does nothing but hang around the house all day incinerating tobacco.) However, you, as a non-writer, can use this suspicion to your advantage—and steal the enemy's thunder at the same time. Professional writers think they are nicer than people. Don't let them get away with that. Non-writers are, and this is your chance to prove it.

If by this time you have successfully avoided putting a word on paper, congratulate yourself. You are blessed with what is known as Talent. From now on, the sky will be your limit and your dry pen a ballistic missile. Any intimations of inferiority that you may have had will have evaporated. This is the time to embroider refinements on our original theorem.

For instance, fill the dull chinks in your routine by "living." Do all those bizarre things you've always felt like doing but, until now, didn't dare. This will be safe, as well as educational, because everyone knows it has to be done before one can write. The few who may interpret this exercise "living it up" can be easily ignored. Vacations and trips to sunnier climes can be scheduled profitably to "get material." Feel free to carry this sort of thing to whatever extremes your credit rating will allow.

And always read, read, read—to "see what the competition is doing." Hole up, for days if necessary, with the piles of literature you never thought you'd get around to. Join a short story class; attend every writer's conference you can get to; subscribe to all the writer's magazines. This will furnish you with the ammunition to speak glibly of "markets" and "editors' needs"—as well as put you in touch with the proper audience upon which to use it.

Have a good stock of titles on hand at all times. Titles are a must. The more queerly they sound, the more effective they will be for your purposes. Toss them off indiscriminately, but, at the same time, try to convey (*Continued on page 108*)

Mother's Tower

by E. B. Stebbins

This tower is erected
To the memory of my Mother
To preserve from other occupants
The ground sacred to me as her home;
And is designed to stand in perpetual honor
Of the wisdom, goodness and womanly nobility
Of her to whose guidance
I owe my success in life and its chief joy.

On an acre of ground facing Hartford, Connecticut's busy Main Street, there is a 135-foot, brownstone tower with a story—the story of a mother. More than a hundred years ago the Keney farmhouse stood on this land. Rebecca Keney, a widow, lived here with her two small sons. Back of the house was a well cared for vegetable garden, which, with a tiny store in her front parlor, was her only revenue. The boys tried to help by working in the garden and running errands but somehow there was always one more task that Rebecca alone must do before bedtime. More and more, after a long day, she sat listlessly in her rocking chair, too tired, almost, to go to bed.

Grown to successful manhood, one of her sons, who could do so little for his mother when she was alive, built a memorial to her—the 135-foot brownstone tower on the acre of land where once the farmhouse stood. But he did much more than that. He built a tall iron fence to enclose it and sodded it with green grass and put paths across it and benches along the paths. And, with a small bronze plaque inside the archway of the tower, he dedicated it to all tired mothers and romping children for only mothers and little children may enter this sunny acre—a grateful son's tribute to his Mother.

The Last of the

by Mabel Williams

Times have changed during the years as the automobile, truck and tractor have replaced the work horse. But the saddle and race horse is still very much in demand.

All the old traders have passed away leaving only one or two in New England that still do a big business in horses.

The foremost horse trader is Silas Wheeler, forty-five, of Brookline Street, East Pepperell, Massachusetts. There is no life today more humorous, amusing and diverting than the one led by this Yankee horse trader. Every day is an adventure to him.

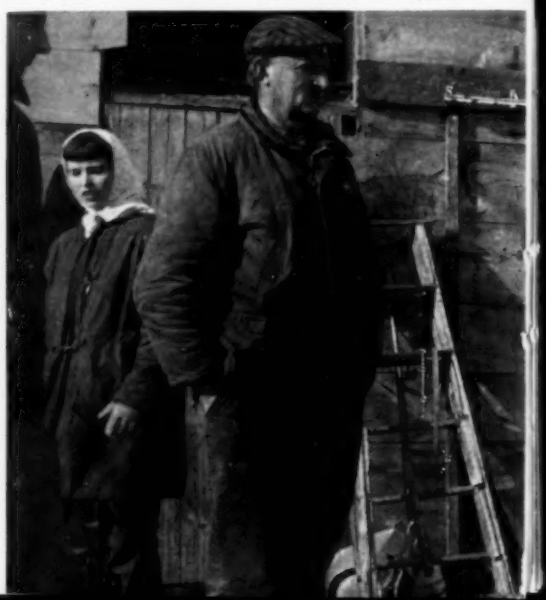
Si, as everyone calls him, is a sturdy, rugged man, a direct descendant of John Burns, the first white settler of Milford, New Hampshire. He was born and brought up in Brookline, New Hampshire and graduated from grammer school there. His father before him was a horse trader and still lives in Brookline. Si married and moved to Pepperell, Massachusetts where he lives with his wife, two sons and six daughters. He is a shy man shunning publicity, yet a man on whose word you can depend. A man you can trust—if you want a horse safe for a child, that's the kind he will sell you—or tell you if it's not safe for children.

Si lives three miles outside of town in a very small cottage with two separate barns beside the highway in a pine grove, amid a collection of trucks, trailers, old automobiles, refrigerators, parts of machinery, pieces of harnesses, sulkies and parts of sulkies, old wagons, slabwood, hen coops, and junk of all descriptions. Running about among this collection are hens, chickens, ducks, bantams, dogs, cats and goats. All this reminds one of "Pa and Ma Kettle in the Egg and I."

In the rough board barns he keeps eight or ten cows and heifers and twenty-eight horses, more or less, depending on his sales or purchases, of all colors and descriptions; riding, driving, racing, working or jumping. Every horse has its own blanket. Si's daughters care for them, feeding, watering and exercising.

Sunday is the busiest day of the week

Below: The traditional question of the horse trader: "What's his teeth like?" Si feeds



Yankee Horsetraders

for Si, and if you're a bystander it's more exciting than a carnival. The folks interested in swapping horses, and those looking just for excitement drop in on Sundays and the girls are very busy showing the horses and animals. Si will swap for anything you've got and he always has the cash to pay for it.

He is intensely interested in harness racing, and with his pet, Uhlam Abbe, a dark bay trotter, is well known at the tracks throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Driving his own horse he won first at the Rochester fair in 2:14 last summer and several seconds and thirds at other fairs. A while back he drove his own horses at Foxboro, Massachusetts.

At the tracks everyone knows him and gathers around greeting him, and asking questions. He's a lucky winner on daily doubles too.

He attends local horse and cow auctions, and the annual horse auction in Pennsylvania where he purchases race horses for his sales here. At auctions he meets a lot of potential customers.

All in all he's quite a guy. A good dancer, enjoying the local dances with his wife Mary, where he breaks it down like a veteran.

Today there is none of the trickery of the old time traders, but even today there are people who will lie to a trader as one did to Si when he first started in. He swapped on description for a nice pair of work horses, (at least that's the way the man described them) giving the man a fine brown pacer, a four year old milking heifer, a dozen hens and seven dollars and fifty cents.

When Si saw what he'd swapped for he knew the man had everlastingly lied to him. But Si was no squealer. The next morning one of the horses died.

Another time he swapped cows with a minister and being a minister he trusted him, but after they had swapped the minister told him the cow had fits. Si took his medicine. He admits you still can't tell in the trading business, but it's lots of fun anyway.

a loaf of bread to a mare and later gets out a donkey to show the prospective buyers.

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE LILLIAN RUSSEL
MY SAM SAYS I LOOK JUST LIKE A GIBSON GIRL
BETWEEN YOU AND ME THIS IS NOT ONLY MY OLD HAT- IT'S THE HAT
GET A LOAD OF THE "HAT ME FATHER WORE"
THE NEXT CASE COMIN' UP USED TO BE A BASEBALL PITCHER: I THOUGHT I'D BETTER TIP YER HONOR OFF
BLOOMFIELD, CONN., CHURCH FOLKS WEAR OLD HATS AND DONATE EASTER MONEY TO THE COLLECTION (FEDERATED CHURCH)
A PRISONER IN A NEW HAMPSHIRE COURT THREW A BOOK AT THE JUDGE!!
THE OWNER ISN'T TOO ANXIOUS TO SELL- BUT, I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PERSUADE HIM
THE THING FOR US TO DO, EPH, IS TO GO 'ROUND AND COLLECT ALL THE THROWD-AWAY CHRISTMAS TREE'S BEFORE THE REST OF THE FOLKS CATCH ON!
WE GOT A BIG THING HERE, WILL.
HILLSBORO N.H. CHRISTMAS TREE TAKES ROOT, KEEPS GROWIN'!
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RECKON I'LL TAKE THE INDIANS
WAYNE, MAINE STACKED RIFLES AT THE TOWN MEETIN'
YANKEE

NORTHAMPTON CHURCH FORGIVES JONATHAN EDWARDS
IT'S ABOUT TIME PLYMOUTH TOOK A LITTLE ACTION TOO,!
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LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT! THE MOTION IS TO PASS OVER, NOT PASS, THE STATE LAW WHICH SAYS YOU HAVE TO HIRE AN ACCOUNTANT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS TO AUDIT THE TOWN BOOKS
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THE DEVIL IN NEW ENGLAND

#3 in a series

by HAZEL STREETER DAVENPORT

EACH GENERATION HAS HAD ITS evangelists, some more eloquent than others. Some have brought repentant sinners to their knees by the hundreds but although most of these fine leaders have warned of the temptations of the devil only, as far as it is known, has the Rev. George Whitefield, preaching in Ipswich, Massachusetts, so bedeviled the Devil, so ridiculed and taunted him that he 'raised the devil' from the depths and wrestled with him in hand to hand combat.

This legend is as alive today in the town of Ipswich as it was 200 years ago. Story hours are planned around it by the librarian, Miss Hester Mitchell and the fourth grade pupils visit Meeting House Hill each year where the story is related to them.

For it is one thing to be told such a breathtaking story but it is even more exciting to place your foot in the print of the Devil's cloven hoof left in the rock as he made his rapid and defeated exit from the town. And that is what visitors to the historic town may do today as they also visit the church, the fifth on the same site.

The Rev. George Whitefield of England was well known throughout New England during the 1740's for he had made a tour of the towns much as the evangelists of today have done. Word of his powerful delivery and ability to arouse a congregation preceded him on his tour and so it was with great expectation that the people of Ipswich gathered in the church and overflowed on to the green.

According to the legend, the Rev. Mr. Whitefield had reached new heights in his passionate appeal to the people to forsake the devil and all his treacherous paths when there appeared in the midst of them he of the cloven hoof and pointed horns.

The two, the devil and the preacher, wrestled on the floor of the church and the minister, taken unaware for the moment, was forced little by little up to the very pinnacle of the church where in the sight of the horrified congregation they continued to try to push each other to destruction.

Finally, with one mighty push, Whitefield flung the Devil from him. The fiery visitor leaped from the steeple's top, hit the mass of rock in front of the church and was off down the hill in great leaps and bounds, never to be seen there again. In a history of the town it is written, "Imbedded deep in the solid rock by the church still can be seen the indelible print of Satan's cloven hoof."

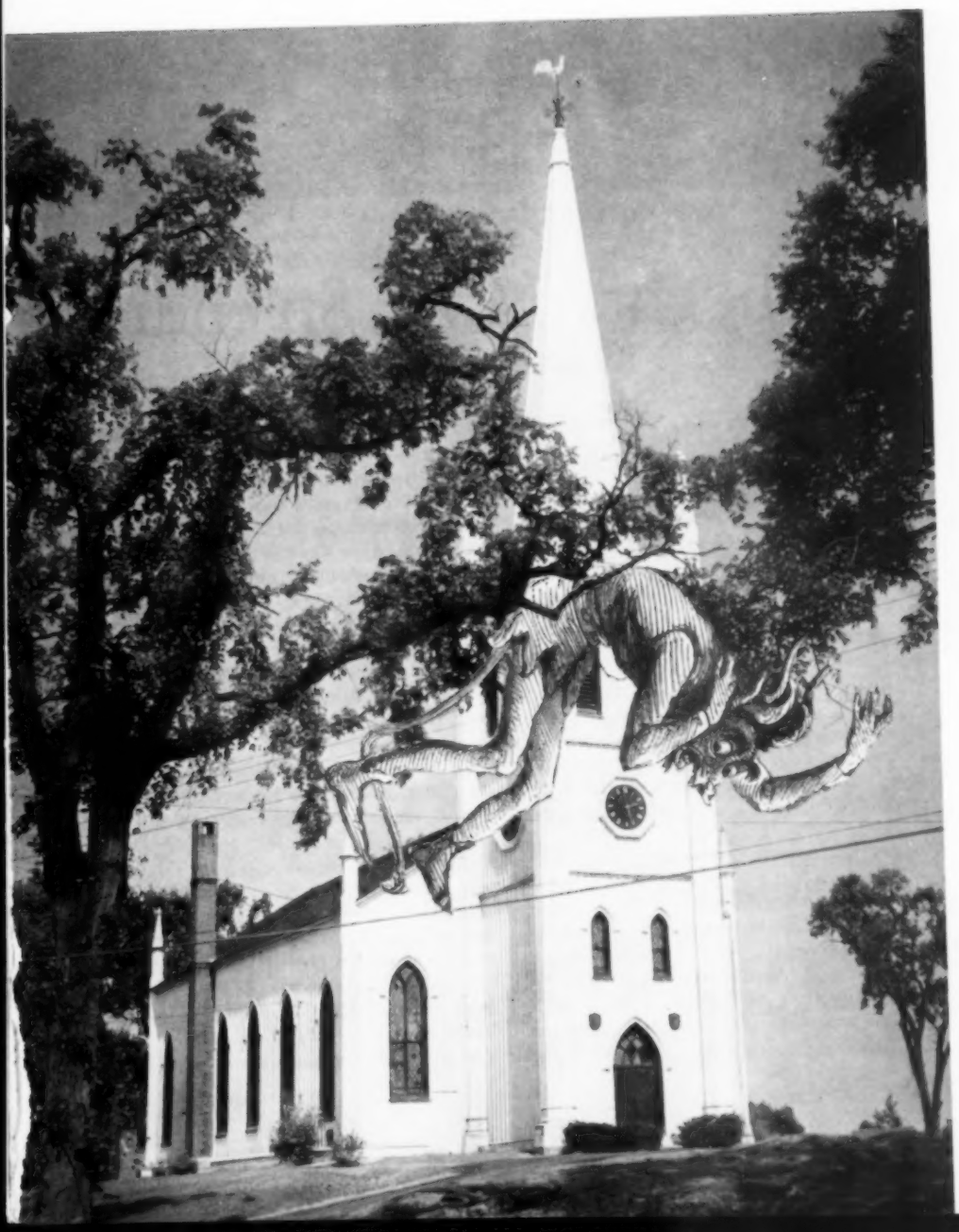
Here we must digress to say that the plaster of paris print kept in the present church building and shown to visitors is the mark of a human foot, rather thin and elongated but having the shape of heel and toes. This too can be seen in the rock outside today.

But, as the cloven hoof print is even more clear and as the Devil has been pictured and described more often in literature and art through the ages with a cloven hoof, many in the town prefer this print.

Moreover, as the Devil is well known for his tricks and power to appear in many forms, it is barely possible that he made both prints in his hurry to be off!

The Rev. Mr. Whitefield seems to have rid the town permanently of the Devil's influence for it has prospered in a quiet way through the years and we may conclude with the Rev. Mr. Waters who, when president of the Historical Society, wrote of Meeting House Green, "Happily the noblest associations are the most constant. Hither the people have come to worship since the beginnings of the town life, and here the school children straying a little from the old watch-house, the ancient almshouse, the townhouse and the old gambrel-roofed school building that stood where the present Denison school now stands, have found a pleasant playground for two centuries."

devil's hoofprint



The Wayside Inn before the disastrous fire of December 1955. It is now restored.

A Phoenix More Splendid

by JOSEPH E. GARLAND

THE WAYSIDE INN IS A PHOENIX more splendid than the mythical bird itself. Not only has it been rebuilt from the ground up through the generosity of the Ford Foundation, whose late founder first restored it 35 years ago, but it has been reborn a more exciting and classic specimen of colonial architecture and construction that it was before the fire. As if this were not enough to satisfy the most avid lover of the old inn, many of the original antiques have been restored and form the nucleus of a new collection which will surpass all that went before.

Principal credit for the amazing reconstruction belongs to a weathered, white-thatched, Lincolnesque countryman from Antrim, New Hampshire — Roy W. Baker, lifelong student of old houses who was given a leave of absence for the project from the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, for whom he is the custodian of 58 ancient homes.

For six months before bringing in his permanent crew of old-time New Hampshire workmen Baker puttered through the desolate ruins, at the same time studying every known document, record, print and photograph that might shed light on the construction of the inn and its historical evolution.

As Baker studied and compared, measured and drew, pondered and planned, the real layers of history were peeled back for the first time, all the way back to some dim season around 1690 when Samuel Howe, the first of 170 years of Howe landlords, erected a rude, two-room public house on New Grant territory just off the wilderness ruts of what later was to be known as the Boston Post Road. It is said that his carpenters took refuge in the nearby Parmenter Garrison during an Indian night raid.

This was "House Number One," as Baker identifies it—a common room below, chamber above.

As the Indian menace subsided before the influx of settlers into Sudbury, in 1716, Samuel's son David summoned carpenters and added House Number Two to the chimney end of Number One. They matched, room for room, except that the addition was about seven inches

higher, accounting for the step into the bedroom occupied by Thomas A. Edison when he visited Henry Ford.

The third in the Biblical succession of Howes, Ezekiel, inherited Howe's Tavern in 1746. He named it the Red Horse Tavern and doubled its dimensions again. He added House Number Three on the rear of One and Two, with two rooms upstairs and two down. The original chimney was replaced by two massive stacks of four flues each—providing all of the eight rooms with fireplaces—and the steep gable roof gave way to a higher gambrel.

Shortly before the turn of the century Ezekiel tacked the west wing to a corner of Number Three, kitchen on the ground floor and "long chamber overhead," as his will put it. Soon after 1800 son Adam converted the bedroom into a charming little ballroom.

Thus was completed the basic structure of the inn. Somewhere along the line a small two-story ell was moved against the east wall of Number Three: Baker thinks it may originally have been an undersized barn.

Baker's sleuthing made it clear that the clock should be turned back a hundred years to the colonial inn that Longfellow knew. Accordingly, Houses One, Two and Three are now a museum. Porches, dormers, fancy mantels and most other post-Howe alterations have been dropped. Hobgoblin Hall is back. The east wing has been preserved, and the new north wing has kitchens, dining room and chambers for 15 guests.

Wherever possible, Baker's men have salvaged timber and interior finish, splicing it to new wood when necessary, here and there installing illuminated windows in the construction to provide the curious with a peek at what went before.

Baker's attention to historical detail has been meticulous. Interior walls, for example, are lathed with thin planks, hand-split and separated in the colonial way—a touch of authenticity hidden from inspection by plaster also applied in the 18th century style without benefit of level or straight-edge. It almost goes without saying that (*Continued on page 96*)

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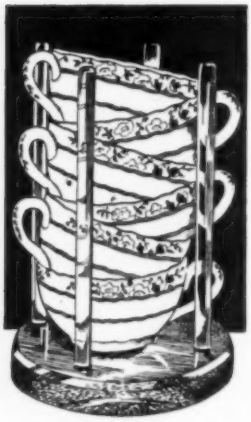

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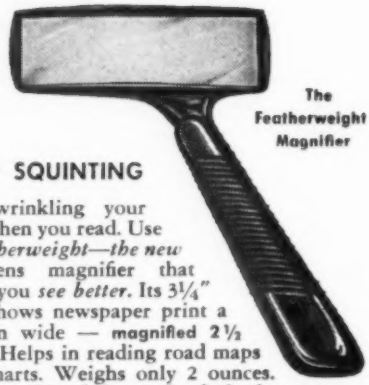

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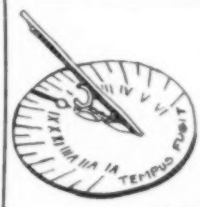

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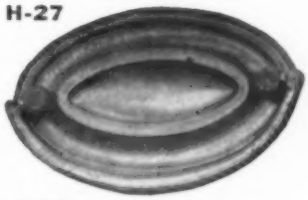

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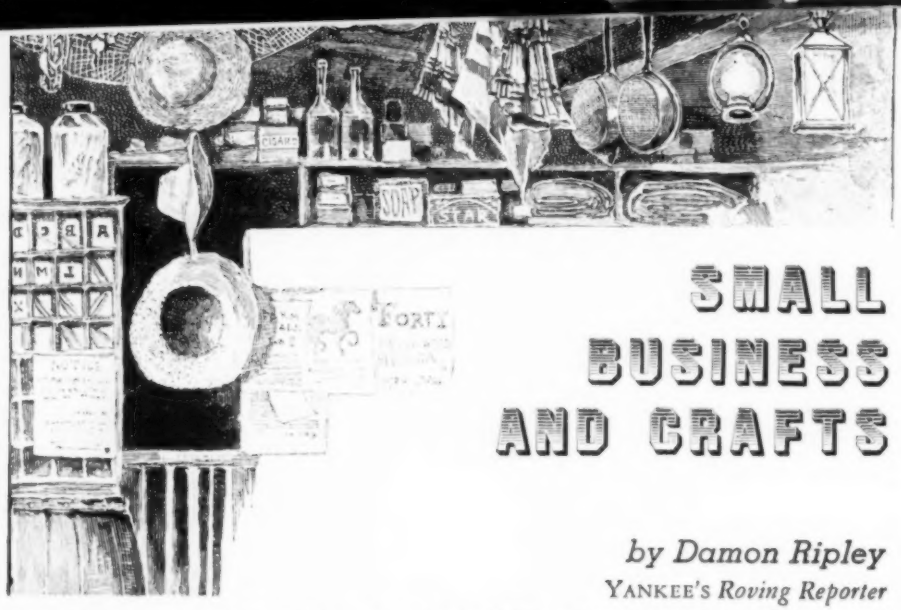

SMALL BUSINESS AND CRAFTS

by Damon Ripley
YANKEE'S *Roving Reporter*

Contributions for this department are invited. We will pay $10 for each item used.

HE PAINTS ON GLASS

John F. Williams of Greenridge Farm, Great Barrington, Massachusetts is the foremost expert on the almost lost art of painting on glass. In Colonial times, mirrors and the fronts of clocks were often decorated with these paintings on glass. The technique is completely different from conventional painting. First the glass is treated chemically, then details are applied, objects in the foreground are painted next and finally the background is painted in. The completed picture is dust and weather-proof and will last for years. Mr. Williams started painting on glass as a hobby, but began to paint commercially after he placed an ad in YANKEE. Inquiries and orders came from every state in the Union and Mr. Williams has been kept busy ever since. He will replace or repair an old glass painting, but prefers to begin anew, using either his own design or one supplied by a customer. The results are superb.

COVERED BRIDGE MAKER

Frank H. Cheever of Monson Turnpick Road in Ware, Massachusetts has made more than 50 perfect scale models of New Hampshire covered bridges. These small replicas of one of our fast-disappearing links with early days range in size from two feet to three inches in length. Winners of several prizes at country fairs, these models of patience and detail are scattered from coast to coast — even Arthur Godfrey of radio and TV fame has one. Mr. Cheever is concerned only with making replicas of New Hampshire covered bridges. So far, he has reproduced six particular ones and sales have kept him so busy making duplicates of these that he hasn't time to start on the others. Actually, his ambition is a huge one, for there are more than fifty of these relics still standing in the state. A perfectionist, Mr. Cheever's methods are very thorough. "Someday," he says, "I'll get all my models done. It will be quite a legacy to leave behind me."

Josephine D. Gilman

HE'S NEVER LOST A PATIENT

A soft-spoken, middle-aged man in Hartford, Connecticut has the reputation for never having "lost a patient." "Doctor" Eugene J. Belanger is proud of this extraordinary record at his unique "hospital." Belanger has been repairing dolls for more than thirty years and his workmanship on "girls' best friends" is known throughout the country, as well as in Canada and a few European countries. "I don't know how they hear about me," he says. In two "wards" of the three-room Florence Doll Hospital, Belanger has two scores or more of "patients" in tiny toy beds, ready to return to their owners or "recuperating" from Belanger's "surgery." Belanger repairs from 2,000 to 5,000 dolls each year and is proud of the expressions of appreciation from "mothers." He has a couple of stacks of letters indicating how pleased they were with his services. He dispatches a special card to each owner saying: "Your doll is ready to leave the hospital."

Sando Bologna

PRODUCTS OF THE SEA

Frances Godwin, who owns and operates The Driftwood Shop in Gloucester, Massachusetts has perhaps the most unusual business in New England. She sells, naturally enough, driftwood. However, other than cleaning and polishing these gleanings from the sea, she does nothing else. Artists, do-it-yourselfers and the plain curious, crowd into the long wharf building on the inner harbor of Gloucester. They are confronted by pieces of driftwood in all shapes, sizes and weights. Imaginative buyers use the unusual wood for everything from mobiles to bases for lamps or tables. Miss Godwin, trained as a sculptor, was taught woodcarving by her daughter, but found the art tiring and time-consuming. Taking the line of least resistance, she began using driftwood and carved it into the form the wood itself suggested. Soon she had so much material she had to rent a harbor side building to store it. Soon she was in business, selling the surplus.

Henry Bollman

RETIREMENT PROJECT

Thomas J. Kimball of Newfields, New Hampshire believes in being prepared. Until recently an executive of the Boston stationery firm of Ward's, Mr. Kimball prepared, some years ago, for his eventual retirement by purchasing the old Spead country store. In no sense a museum of by-gone days, the Kimball Country Store is a combination of the best of both modern and old fashioned merchandizing techniques. An old fashioned cheese case stands beside the latest frozen food cabinet; an antique coffee mill is illuminated by the most modern fluorescent lights—cleverly imbedded in the hand-hewn overhead beams. An interesting trade mark for the store is the cigar store Indian which stands outside the store. The unusual combination of old and new, combined with modern cleanliness, gives customers a feeling of leisure, so they come with market baskets on their arms and chat with each other as people did in olden days.

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►A most welcome arrival at YANKEE's offices was the old farmer doll, pictured above. Quite naturally, he is holding a copy of THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC in his hand and seems to be contemplating planting the packets of seeds he has on his knee. It looks to me, however, as though he isn't very enthusiastic about the prospect.

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for he has a yawn coming and will probably fall asleep any minute. The doll was made by Mrs. Gwen Flather of Meredith, New Hampshire who has been making such dolls for years. Many of her dolls are of the humorous or satirical nature, particularly her "two types of grandmother": the dear, old spectacled lady in a rocking chair holding a sweet baby, and the modern one in slacks, reading a who-dunit and holding the baby more or less upside down. I imagine that Mrs. Flather sells her dolls, but you'll have to write her for prices.

►Not only has Thomas J. Jackson, who owns the Eljay Manufacturing Company, in Winchester, New Hampshire, developed and successfully marketed an inexpensive trailer, he has come up with perhaps one of the most original ideas in the trailer industry. The trailers themselves, the 13 foot Eljay Pup and the 15 foot Eljay Camper are inexpensive—from $995 up—and come completely equipped. Mr. Jackson's idea—and listen to this—is to rent his trailers at the low cost of $35 per week! Since the Pup sleeps four and the Camper sleeps seven, imagine the savings in overnight accommodations for a vacationing family! Of course, the trailers have to be picked up and returned to Winchester, New Hampshire, but that town is the stepping-off place for some of New Hampshire's

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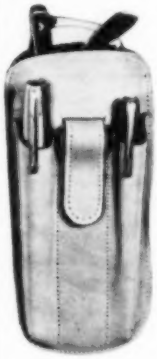

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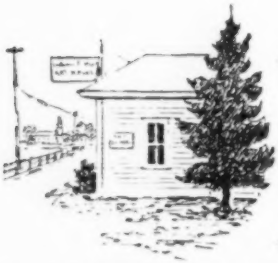

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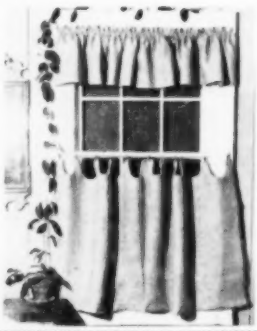

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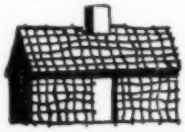

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►Kate LaMarsh Buell says that every potter's dream is his own kiln. As a matter of fact the title of her book is just that: "Every Potter's Dream—His Own Kiln." Sorry, the book is out of print. However, Mrs. Buell has developed the Buell Kiln for the home craftsman. The kiln kit—they come in various sizes—is easily assembled and contains all necessary parts, is inexpensive to operate and is certainly well within the means of the average hobbyist—the smallest kiln measuring 8 x 8¼ x 4½ inches costs only $20.50. If you'd like more information write Mrs.

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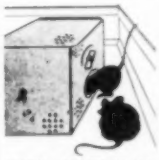

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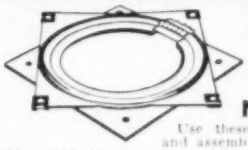

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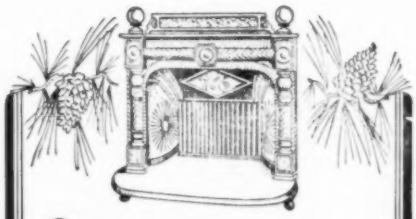
"Last May I went trout fishing—with only fair luck. The mosquitos were awful thick. I came to a place where someone had boiled sap in a big cast iron pot and



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►The four color Scenic Relief Map that was inserted in the April issue has caused a lot of favorable comment. Any YANKEE advertiser—or non-advertiser, for that matter—may purchase these maps and have his own name, address and route number imprinted on it. You mail the maps out to your mailing list and back come the customers, map in hand. We'll send the maps to you, folded to 5½ by 8½ inches, and imprinted, for $75.00 for 500 maps; $100 for 1000 maps; and $90.00 per thousand over 1000 maps. If you haven't seen the map, send us a letter on your letter head and we'll send you a sample copy.

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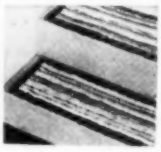

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Will swop pair hand hemstitched pillow cases for five yards tubing or percale. White or pastel. MY304 Pa.

My son would like old glass candy containers. Have old dishes and glass or what would you like in swop? MY305 Me.

Will swop, one almost new, "Speed-O-Print" duplicator machine complete with supplies, prints 5" x 8" size. MY306 N.Y.

Swop Rogers Group "Checkers Up at The Farm," good original condition, for rifle or gun. MY307 Mass.

Bearskin rug, leather Army Officers boots, shaver, broiler, iron, watch, rings, nylon handbags, violin, banjo, cameras, binoculars, typewriter, exercise board, vise. Make offers. MY308 N.Y.

Have navy blue maternity dress, size 18, also new black silk head scarf, and Camp support garment, size 44. What have you? MY309 N.H.

Collection of mounted cigar bands—foreign, pictorial, U.S., for nicotiana, such as, cigarette cards, flannels and silks, advertising pamphlets, etc. Or for current candy or gum cards. MY310 N.H.

Have electric toaster and Heatmaster iron. Swop for good waffle iron. Gold watch for 12 g. shot gun. MY311 N.H.

High school girl will swop B flat Clarinet for pair of skis and accessories. MY312 R.I.

Wanted: Stereo slides, old postcards & photos of churches (interior or exterior), old concert and recital programs, old organ builders' catalogs and ads. Will swop postcards, business cards, slides, etc. or do historical research for you. MY313 Conn.

Have very old embroidered handkerchiefs in reasonably good condition. Want an English saddle in repairable condition or what have you? MY314 Mass.

Want a chime clock, good tone and working. I have velvet and fur old time carriage boots, mustache cup, old cook book, etc., MY315 Ill.

Have new course in re-weaving. What have you to offer? MY316 Ill.

Wanted: An old wall telephone (wooden). Have small antiques in swop. MY317 Mass.

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New handknitted woolen skirt 38-40, real lace collars, edgings, insertions Oriental embroideries, French brocades, fancy combs, muff. Will swop for antique jewelry, pewter, lustre or what have you? MY318 Calif.

Have souvenir spoons, odd pieces of silver, stickpins, all old, also handkerchiefs. Want braided or hooked rugs or small antique tables. MY319 N.Y.

Have recipes, view cards, seeds, evergreens, plastic mittens, red Max Factor lipstick, nylons, size 10. Need 2 x4" postmarks, Ivory soap wrappers, certain labels and cards. MY320 N.Y.

Desire a Franklin stove in usable condition. Have chairs, old china or perhaps something else of interest. What are your wants? MY321 Mich.

Will swop Instructions in Cake Decorating for use of cottage near ocean for one week in September. MY322 Mass.

Want 1, 2 or 4 h.p. steam engine. Parts must be complete. Have genuine Elia Terry clockworks, wooden works, in very good condition. MY323 Mich.

Do you have any ancestors? I will swop genealogical information on them for an illuminated reproduction of 1215 Magna Carta or hand-made patchwork quilts. MY324 Mass.

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Wanted: Antique half ship model, shadow box and wooden eagle. Have G.E. vacuum cleaner, (working, but noisy) 2 new travel clocks, antique brass cooking utensils. MY327 N.Y.

Will swop collectors buttons, playing cards or swop cards for medals and badges of the G.A.R., associated organizations or other Civil War groups. MY328 Calif.

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Would like a Stereoscope with or without views. Have a Bavarian "Sunbonet Babies" child's eating dish, a few hat pins, and a pair of silver candlesticks. Or what would you like? MY330 R.I.

Want soup spoons, Madame Jeumel pattern: Have old silver Perrett & Co. watch, not running, key wind, hunting case. MY331 N.Y.

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Wanted minerals, mineral maps of New England states, books and equipment for prospecting. Have old sheet music, opera and theatre programs, leaded glass shade. MY334 Mass.

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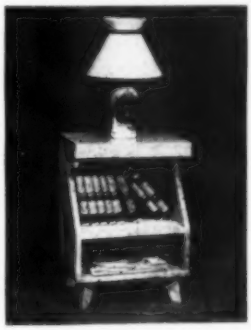

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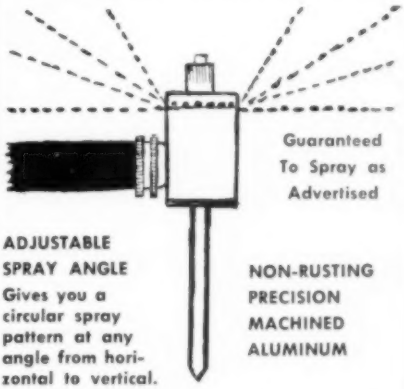

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To swop: Two old stickpins, 20 different match book covers from East coast and 40 assorted 4" x 4" patch work pieces. Wanted: doll stands of all sizes, character, regional and foreign dolls or what have you? MY345 Mass.

Have odd silver-plated pieces, grey squirrel cape-style fur collars, brown dyed squirrel cape-style for bric-a-brac. Would like antique like jewelry, housewares, etc. MY346 N.Y.

Wanted: penny bank. Green metal corner mail box. Inscription "U.S. Mail. Save Early." Swop for your duplicate, or what have you? MY347 Ia.

Want old guns, banks, postcards, carvings, books, daggers, jewelry, buttons, envelopes, watches, medals, etc. Have 300 items. Send your list. Receive mine. MY348 Mich.

Paper weight 4" x 3½", glass ball, rubberosis base, two birds in ball, on grass. Water from the land of the rising sun flag. What swop. MY349 Tenn.

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To swop: Shop worn, never used New Homart, 30 gal. oil-burning automatic water heater. For portable 110 v-700 w. generator with gas-engine attached or small garden tractor or what have you? MY352 Me.

Have about 125, 88 note player piano rolls. Will swop for "Pot bellied" stove or what have you? MY353 Mass.

Old postcards wanted. Swop for paper material, old photo albums or what would you like? My attic is full. MY354 Mass.

Would like a Grandfather's clock or a Grandmother's clock. Write your desires in swop. MY355 Conn.

What have you for a Sterling silver, Whiting and Davis mesh evening purse, 5¾ by 3 inches. Perfect condition. Chased top, silver link handle. MY356 Mass.

Wanted—postcards (preferably old), postmarks, glass paper weights, bone china cups and saucers, and sterling silver ornamented spoons for what will you

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Have some wonderful old maps used by sailing vessels out of Maine ports (1850-1868) large size. Will swop for old dolls, old toys, or guns. MY358 Mass.

For swop, two beautiful dance or graduation frocks, misses size 12, one white, one pastel pink, never worn; I collect old greeting cards, old china, preferably china decorated with roses or violets. MY359 Conn.

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Have boys skates size 3; 1920 doll's wicker carriage; grandmother's loom for clothing, blankets, rugs; new Bernz-O-Matic lantern. Want 33 1/3, 78 record player, Coleman lantern or what have you? MY361 Mass.

Sewing machine motor, buttons, floral feed bags, field glasses. Violin. Others. For best offers. Send list. MY362 Ia.

Wanted typewriter. What do you want? MY363 Me.

Will swop 9 coin silver teaspoons, small, coin spoon ladle, souvenir spoons for electric sewing machine. MY364 Mass.

Have three fine men's suits, size 48 in very good condition. Want old American clocks or what have you? MY365 N.Y.

Want old items on old Philadelphia, maps, colored prints, fire maps, etc. State your wants. MY366 Pa.

Want, Arbor saw, small electric, or gas motor, for new clothing, household goods, etc. MY367 Mass.

Wanted, Brazil nickel silver spoons, forks, or other small pieces, especially thin ones. What would you like for swop? MY368 Mass.

Wanted for 1930-31 Ford A quail radiator cap, hub caps (Ford on Cap), rim wind and set clock. Swop Currier & Ives print. What you want? MY369 N.H.

Wanted: Antique or new rings minus part or all of setting to reset with hand-cut semi-precious stones. What would you like in swop? MY370 Pa.

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Have good 1950 Packard. Will swop (even) for old touring car or roadster. Anything made before 1933 considered. MY374 N.H.

Wanted old dolls, doll parts and books. Also old records before 1900 and record catalogs. What do you want? MY375 N.Y.

Have custom-made dress suit (tails conservation) cutaway coat and vest and white flannel trousers, size 42. Will swop for what have you? MY376 N.Y.

Wanted Stangl pottery ware, fluted style in orange, yellow, green & blue, mostly cups and small plates. Will swop hand-carved soap figurines, or whatever. MY377 Mass.

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Please put an end to my matchbook cover collecting by taking the lot—400, all different, in nice album. I'd like boy costume dolls, or what have you? MY382 N.H.

Want any pieces to match set of dinnerware. Pattern being "The Sandown," Sol, Reg. 391413 J & G Meakin, England. What do you want? MY383 N.H.

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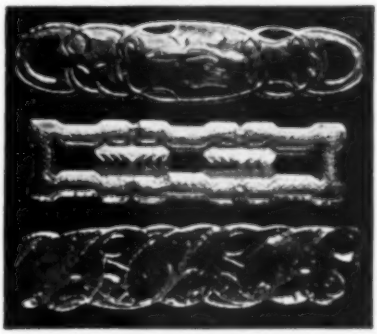

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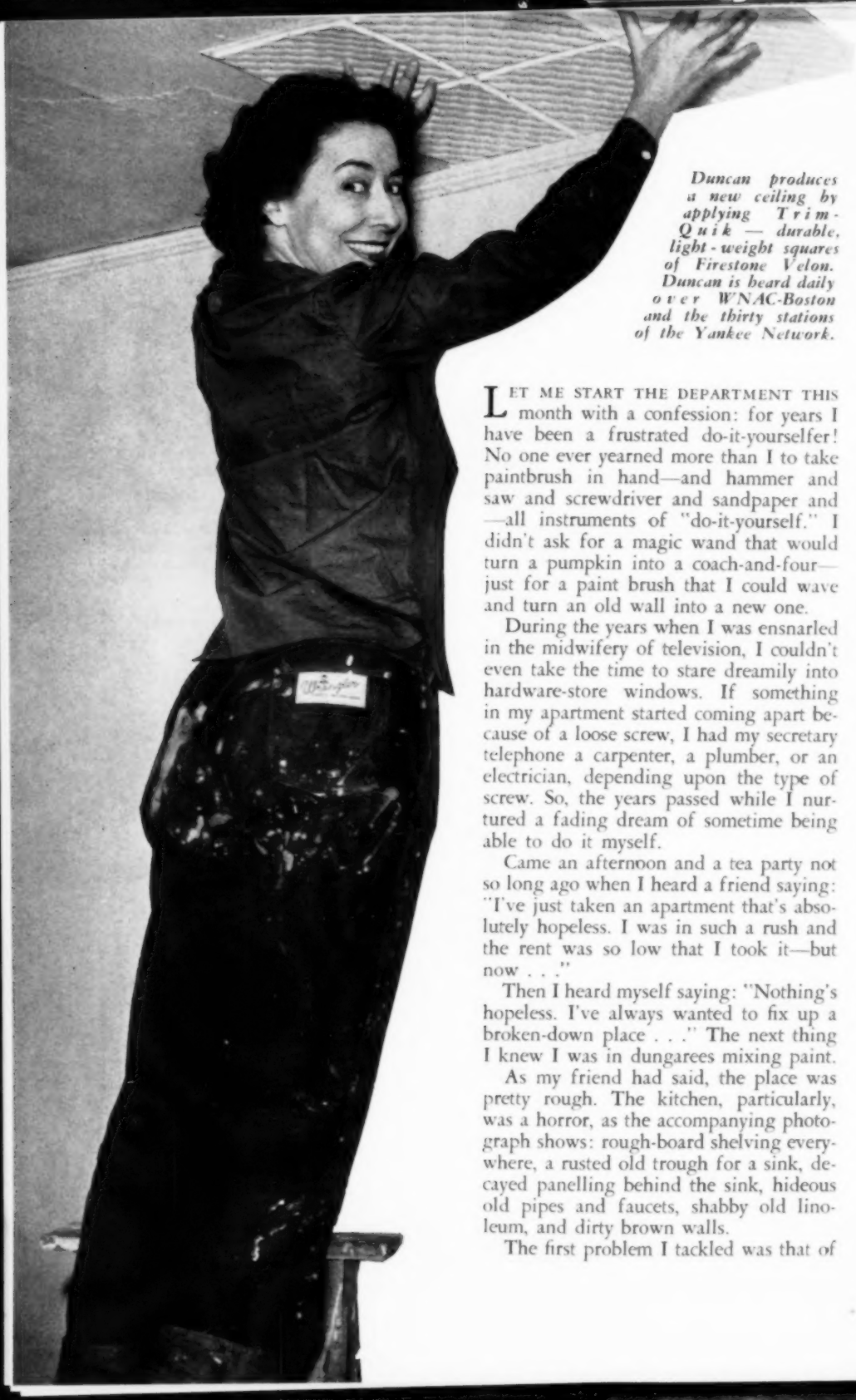

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LET ME START THE DEPARTMENT THIS month with a confession: for years I have been a frustrated do-it-yourselfer! No one ever yearned more than I to take paintbrush in hand—and hammer and saw and screwdriver and sandpaper and —all instruments of "do-it-yourself." I didn't ask for a magic wand that would turn a pumpkin into a coach-and-four—just for a paint brush that I could wave and turn an old wall into a new one.

During the years when I was ensnarled in the midwifery of television, I couldn't even take the time to stare dreamily into hardware-store windows. If something in my apartment started coming apart because of a loose screw, I had my secretary telephone a carpenter, a plumber, or an electrician, depending upon the type of screw. So, the years passed while I nurtured a fading dream of sometime being able to do it myself.

Came an afternoon and a tea party not so long ago when I heard a friend saying: "I've just taken an apartment that's absolutely hopeless. I was in such a rush and the rent was so low that I took it—but now . . ."

Then I heard myself saying: "Nothing's hopeless. I've always wanted to fix up a broken-down place . . ." The next thing I knew I was in dungarees mixing paint.

As my friend had said, the place was pretty rough. The kitchen, particularly, was a horror, as the accompanying photograph shows: rough-board shelving everywhere, a rusted old trough for a sink, decayed panelling behind the sink, hideous old pipes and faucets, shabby old linoleum, and dirty brown walls.

The first problem I tackled was that of

AT HOME IN NEW ENGLAND
with Duncan MacDonald

painting, and after making comparisons, I chose a Sapolin paint called Mel-Lux because of its "muted" colors and its being odorless and non-toxic. Finding myself actually *inside* a hardware store, I made all kinds of purchases: a 10-inch-wide roller and a flat paint pan to go with it, an inexpensive paint brush, a putty knife, spackle, sandpaper, a ladder, etc. All of the purchases were successful except one. I'll never again buy a cheap paint brush: they lose shape quickly and shed horsehair all over your walls. I used a nylon brush that I didn't like either. It was too stiff, let the paint drip off onto the floor, and I didn't like anything about it.

For the kitchen I chose a color suggestive of a sunny morning (Sapolin calls it "Canary") in a semi-gloss paint. After scraping off protrusions with the putty knife and then filling in gouges with spackle, I found myself at last poised with a paint brush.

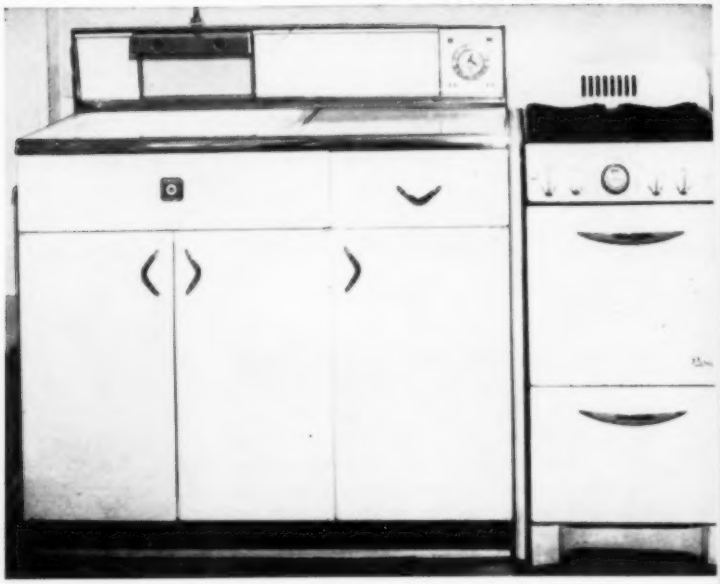
Paint brush or roller? I tried both. Doing the whole job with a brush seems rather slow, while a roller, though faster, doesn't fit into certain angles. I found it best to keep roller and paint brush in the pan, doing the broad surfaces with the roller, and touching up with the brush.

Incidentally, you'll find the paint gradually getting thicker as you go along. A little paint thinner will fix this, but add only about a tablespoonful each time to avoid changing the shade.

At the close of each bout with the brush, I covered my paint can tightly and turned it upside down in a pan of water. This kept a skin from forming on the paint. Then I cleaned my brushes with Rinse-Kleen. If you haven't any brush cleaner, keep them submerged in a can of water. Covered with the cheery yellow paint, the room already looked like a different place.

Now there was the problem of the sink. Here, I reasoned, was no place to economize. A dismal cabinet (at right in photograph) and certain wall formations and distorted door frames could not be redeemed without rebuilding, but a really interesting sink and cabinet unit would draw attention away from the irremediables. I found out through a friend about a wonderful new kitchen unit designed by the Youngstown people that wouldn't be on the market for a month or two. Many telephone calls and telegrams later, the unit was put on a train at Salem, Ohio, and shortly arrived at the apartment in Copley Square, Boston.

The only word to describe Youngstown Kitchens new "Servi-Center" is dazzling. It comes in white or sandalwood. I chose white. The work surface is made of Formica—white with a scattered gold-flake pattern. The outstanding new feature of Youngstown's Servi-Center is that it's an electrical unit. There's a control panel with a clock, two electrical outlets, and two switches. One switch turns on and off a light that illuminates the bowl. The other operates the clock timer. You use one outlet for a regular appliance such as a toaster, and the other for an appliance that you want to go on and off at specified times. With this outlet, you can have a stew cooking while you're away from home, knowing that it will be turned off when done, or you can have



A shabby kitchen corner, left, becomes a thing of beauty, thanks to Youngstown's Servi-Center, wall surfacing by General Tire and Rubber, Corlon floors by Armstrong.

breakfast coffee perking when you wake up.

Water is turned on with a single lever: press down to the left, it's hot; to the right, it's cold; in the middle, it's mixed. One little button near the lever gives you liquid detergent, another hand lotion. Tip-out bins hold the dish-washing essentials. You'll be glad to learn that as you read about this new Servi-Center in YANKEE, it is now on the market.

The old gas range and the refrigerator still worked efficiently, and with the glamorous new Servi-Center in the room, they are scarcely noticed.

The next most pressing problems after the paint and the sink, were the floor and the wall back of the sink. For the floor I chose Armstrong's Corlon Tiles because they are attractive and durable, and the entire job can be done with brush and scissors. For the restoration and decoration of the wall, I chose Bolta-Top, a sheet of vinyl plastic that comes in tasteful and decorative designs. I'll tell you about my adventures with floor and wall surfacing in the next issue.

The apartment's sitting room had two conspicuously bad features: a stopped-up doorway and, across the room, a long, narrow, interior window. Since my friend has a collection of more than 1,000 books, I decided on bookcases to cover both of these awkwardnesses. The size and shape of the book cases would be dictated by the need to cover, but the general effect, focussing on a tolerable fireplace, would be of a comfortable, book-lined room.

Throughout the apartment, all trim was done in a contrasting white, and because the place was riddled with doors and windows, the general effect was fussy and nervous. Taking into account the high ceilings, I treated this sitting room and the living room as one, painting them the same color and giving them the same draperings—and I disposed of the piecemeal effect by painting all the trim the same as the walls.

The wall color seems to me especially effective: a lively colorful grey that is made by mixing in equal parts two Sapolin colors: "Pink Blossom" and "Lake Blue." Grey can have a dead look, but this mixture really glows.

Naturally, grey walls call for a fairly sharp contrast in the draperies, and I visualized a deep red with a little more blue in it than yellow. This decision brought on certain difficulties that I will tell you about in next month's issue.

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I think one of the happiest of the many ways of raising money for charity is the pub-

An out-dated living room is magically renovated by the use of paint, bookcases covering the blocked-up door at right, a Sargent portrait and Paul Revere andirons.

lishing of a cook book. Women's groups take in a lot of money that way, and the people who buy the books are getting something that makes their days brighter.

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Just to whet your interest, here are a few of the recipes:

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Trim flounder (2 lbs.) fillets, lay in frying pan and cover with about 2 cups thin cream. Add ½ cup sherry and season with salt and pepper and cook 5 or 6 minutes on top of stove. Remove to a baking pan and add 1 lb. shrimp or lobster (1 small) meat and bake in hot oven (400 degrees) until cream and sherry are thick. Add 1/3 cup buttered crumbs. Place pan with fish under broiler. When sauce bubbles and browns in spots, remove from the fire, garnish and serve.

Baked Ham in Sour Cream

1 slice ham—1 inch thick
1 tsp. dry mustard
1 cup sour cream

Soak ham in lukewarm water about 1 hour. Drain, sprinkle with mustard—arrange in baking dish, cover with sour cream. Bake in moderate oven 350 to 375° until tender. (If ham has been precooked soaking will not be necessary.)

Danish Fruit Soup

This soup can be made from freshly extracted Concord grape juice or from bottled grape juice; with freshly cooked fresh fruits or from canned cooked fruits. The soup may always be a little different but should have the general sameness, richness, sweetness and thickness.

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1 cup mixed fruit juice collected from fruits used

Cool, place in refrigerator. This soup is best when used several hours after being made or even the next day. It has good keeping qualities under refrigeration. Berries such as raspberries may be used instead of cherries. Makes about 1½ quarts.

Rhubarb Cream

1 lb. rhubarb
1 1/3 cups water
1 cup sugar
2 tbs. potato flour or cornstarch

Clean rhubarb and cut in pieces. Bring water to boil, add rhubarb and sugar and boil until tender. Mix potato flour with small amount of cold water, stir in and bring again to boil. Cool, cover, and serve with cream or milk.

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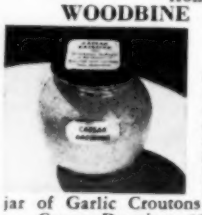

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2 tbs. butter
¼ cup sherry
1 cup well-packed lobster meat
3 tbs. butter
1 tbs. flour
¾ cup thin cream
2 egg yolks

Melt 2 tablespoons butter; add sherry. Boil 1 minute, add lobster, and let stand. Melt 3 tablespoons butter; add flour and stir well until it bubbles. 1 minute. Remove from heat. Slowly stir well until cream and wine drained from lobster are thoroughly blended. Return to heat and cook, stirring all the time, until sauce is smooth and thick. Remove from heat. Beat egg yolks well. Stir into yolks 4 tablespoons sauce, 1 tablespoon at a time.

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Lobster Pie Topping

¼ cup cracker meal
1 tbs. finely crushed potato chips
¼ teaspoon paprika
1½ tsp. Parmesan cheese
2 tbs. melted butter

Mix first four ingredients. Add butter and blend well. Sprinkle on lobster pie. Serves 2.

The late Kenneth Roberts contributed one of his recipes to the cook book too:

Arundel Rum Pie

Bake a large-size graham cracker pie shell and let it cool.

Soak 2 tablespoons gelatine in ½ cup of cold water; then bring it to a boil and stir it into a mixture of 6 well-beaten egg yolks and ¾ cup of sugar. Fold in 1 pint of cream, stiffly beaten, and add ½ cup of New England rum (Caldwell's or Medford). When the mixture cools, pour it into the baked pie shell, and chill. Before serving, top with whipped cream.

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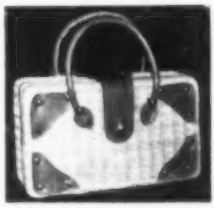

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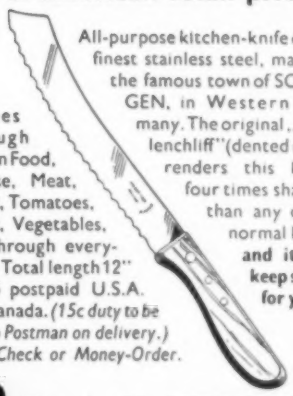

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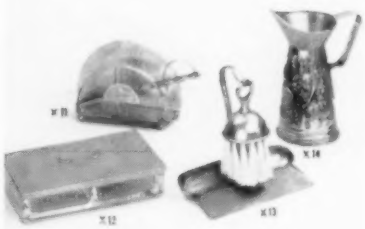

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With Love from Vincent

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Cold evening in the autumn of the year.
The pilot standing by his broken plane
In the unheard-of mountains, looks on you . . .
And warms his heart a moment at your light . . .
Benignant planet, sweet, familiar sight . . .
Thinking he may be found, he may again
See home, breaks the stale buttered crust in two.

It wasn't until six months later that the wreckage was found and the bodies of the occupants recovered. A full military funeral at Arlington was held in June, 1942, with the Distinguished Service Medal awarded posthumously. Susie pinned a small gold star to her lapel. After the services she went to Steepletop and Vincent's care for two weeks.

When Vincent wrote again in July she enclosed something practical and to the point:

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So you see, darling!

Whenever I can I'll send you as much as I can, but it won't be regular, it may not, and it can't be much . . .

But Aunt Susie could never bear to cash the cheque. Instead she asked Vincent if she might keep it. Quickly came the understanding reply:

> I'll write you about the cheque later —I think I can send you a bit more very soon, so please cash the first one, dear, and use it—unless, of course, you would rather just keep it as it is, which I can understand. But you need it so better cash it.

Across the back of the cheque Susie wrote firmly: "This check is rendered null and void, for reasons significant to my niece and myself . . ."

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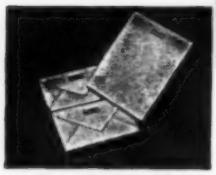

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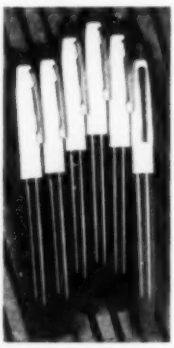
> Was it the first time you had ever been out of this country? What excitement, if that is true!
> Your dear kind friend who took you with her was well repaid for her thoughtfulness, I know. Not only that you were good company, and all of that (for you are a darn nice girl—did I ever tell you? and couldn't help being pleasant to have along),—but your enthusiasm, just like a kid's (the way kids used to be) must have been adorable to watch.
> Write me all about it, darling, when you can, and feel like writing a long letter.



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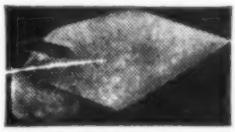

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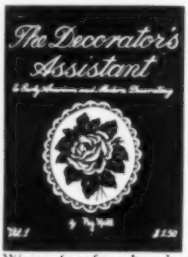

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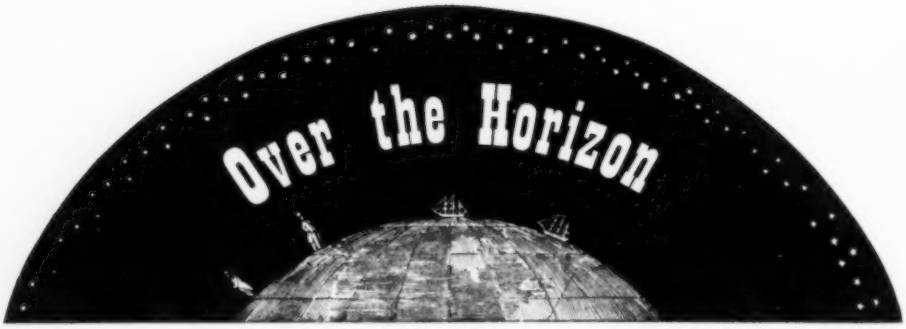


VERMONT— WEST OF NEW ENGLAND*

There's Cairo, Illinois, and Venice, California, and Paris, Texas—and nearly tucked out of sight in Eaton County near Kalamazoo, there is Vermontville, *Michigan.*

One guess how it got that way.

Well, it started back in the 1830's with a disease called "Michigan Fever." A Congregational minister from Poultney, Vermont, Rev. Sylvester Cochrane, had it bad. After a trip to the wild, uncharted Territory in 1835, he came home to spread the idea with all the fervor of saving souls for Heaven. Michigan was the ideal place to colonize, according to Mr. C., and he managed to convince 42 hard-headed Vermonters to sign up at a meeting in Castleton in March of 1836.

Three agents were appointed as scouts to go on ahead and purchase suitable land for the colony, and early in April they set out for this land of Canaan with the colony's funds crammed into a cowhide valise—almost $6,000.

The qualifications were strict: "First consideration a healthy place with good water—a rich and fertile soil, well-watered, interspersed with wood and prairie, if practicable. Consider the country around—is there prospect of it being speedily settled? Is it where produce can be got to market? Let it be near some navigable water, not compel one hundred fifty souls to make a journey over intolerable roads before they see the place."

All the way by stage coach across New York State to Buffalo, by boat to Detroit, and in an open wagon from Detroit to the land office in Kalamazoo, the agents anxiously read and re-read the specifications. One thing was sure: the folks back home knew what they wanted.

It's not altogether surprising they

Below: The Congregational Church. Opposite page: An aerial view of Vermontville taken during a maple sugar festival.

*Thanks to Lewis E. Weeks of Ann Arbor, Michigan for this interesting data.

didn't find the perfect spot the first week. The agents tramped through the forests and over the flat table lands for days without finding anything suitable for life above the gopher level. Then someone directed them to a lovely acreage lying along the Thornapple River in Eaton County. Although it was 14 miles through a forest of maple trees from the nearest trading town, the agents decided it came the nearest to fulfilling the requirements. They purchased the whole township (except for one small section), rolled up their sleeves, and began immediately to chop down the trees to get ready for the first settlers who were already on their way.

A common dwelling place, the "State House," sheltered the early arrivals until lots could be assigned and houses built. The division of land was made in October 1836.

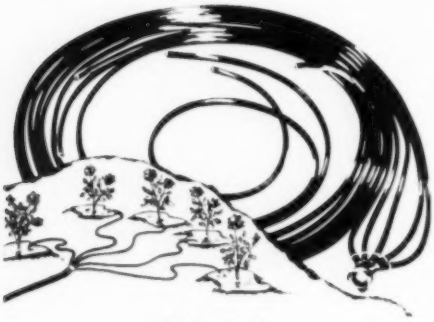
The Vermonters liked their new home. It was a hard life, but that was nothing new. And even when land values fell in the panic of 1837 and the stream of settlers smitten with Michigan Fever dried up, the tiny settlement of Vermontville just dug in their heels and worked a little harder.

Wolves and bears not only huffed and puffed at the back doors, they carried off precious chickens and pigs. One particularly huge bear was killed by the village posse and his skin sold for $7.00. The money was used to found the Sabbath School library!

Although a pioneer community like Vermontville was about as self-sufficient as a town could be, there was occasional need of a cash crop. What did they choose? Maple syrup, of course!

The Pottawattomie Indians in the area had been tapping the maple trees for generations, making a v-shaped slash in the bark and catching the sap in crude bark buckets. Some Indians had iron kettles in which to cook down the sap, while others evaporated it by dropping hot stones into the wooden collection tanks.

Taking a tip from the Indians (but using methods they had learned back home) the Vermontville people went to making maple sugar in earnest. Each year they increased their operation. By Civil



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It may be a thousand miles away, but the ties between Vermontville and Vermont are still plainly visible today, and nestled in the heart of the Midwest is a bit of eternal New England.

ITEM

An intercoastal incident was barely averted a couple of months ago, when Los Angeles' City Engineer turned thumbs down on a seditious proposal by some obviously prejudiced citizens to change the long name of Massachusetts Avenue to short Mass Ave. In substance, he said the idea was out of line, silly, expensive, and he would have none of it.

Just think where this practice could lead us. In no time we would be correcting street names to read "Vt. St.", "Conn. Ct.", "Me. Pl.", and "R.I. Rd." Pretty awful, if you ask me.

SIGNS

One of the things I collect—besides Oriental art and recipes for casseroles—is SIGNS. In California there are more *misspelled* signs than anywhere in the world, I am positive, but that is not what I mean. What I love are the imaginative, funny, lyrical ones that occasionally accost one from wall, post or clapboard fence. Like this one outside an inn:

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One day in Monterey I noticed the official weather report on a huge sign in the middle of town:

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But I think the one I like almost best of all was photographed for me inside a wire fence just outside Boston. It says it all in one laconic, if slightly hostile, monosyllable:

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(If you readers have any items to add to this collection, please send them in and we'll publish the best in future columns.)

LETTERS

A recent communication, all covered with pretty foreign stamps, came from a former editor of YANKEE, Eileen Toumanoff, now living the international life in Germany. What she has to say is fun for all to hear:

> We are much impressed by . . . and much interested in new series, though very little use to you. The trouble with people involved with the Department of State is that anything written (even by me), however brief, for a National Magazine (you) has to be gone over (after editing) by Washington.
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> We are just back from a skiing (and flu) trip to Switzerland, in 60 degree heat; sloshed down to the railroad station every day to read about U. S. cold wave in the Paris *Herald Tribune*. Vlad skied like mad, though, at the tops of mountains, and Nina and Michael and I bought round trip tickets on ski-lifts all day, solemnly weighted down with a pair of three-foot skis and a small snowshovel.
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> Am now back in Frankfurt, devoting my mornings to learning High German, and the afternoon spoiling all my teacher's good work by picking up as much Frankfurt dialect as I can stuff into my head; it is *great;* and solves all one's problems at ladies' lunches!

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The Christening

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come for me. You can rejoice, she said. Lots of people came up to my mother at the buryin' and said, Your tears are mighty scant Sara Lou, and Mama said, It's no time for tears. She saw an angel when she lay dyin', and she told me not to redden my eyes, but to rejoice, because she saw an angel."

"What's that to do with this, Ruby Ann?"

"Luke, maybe this wasn't an accident. Maybe it was an act of the Lord."

Luke was aggressively silent with a rigidity she had come to fear.

The old horse plodded along with hanging head. A wood nymph lighted on her rump and lingered, fanning its spotted mauve wings.

The road bent down hill, and Luke pulled on the brake. The iron lever grated against the rim of the wheel. The North Branch of the river wound through the valley below, its dark pools and silvery rapids freckled with rocks. The roof of the covered bridge shone taffy colored in the sun. Ruby Ann stared at it, seeing it as a beacon flashing a warning. She drew a deep breath. "Luke, St. Paul said all creation groaneth and travaileth awaiting deliverance. He didn't say just people, Luke. He said all creation. That doesn't sound

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to me as if creatures were outside salvation." She sat up straight and red blotches shone on her cheeks.

"Ruby Ann, when you get set on a subject, you gnaw away at it like a feist dog on an old shoe."

The color in her cheeks deepened. "Luke Sperling, you talkin' about not belittlin' the sacraments, and you say my talkin' about an act of God is chewin' like a feist dog on a shoe. I'd like to know who's belittlin' the ways of the Lord."

They were now on the level road and ahead was the covered bridge. Ruby Ann knew what would happen. Old Fanny was afraid of the covered bridge. Exactly in the middle she would stop and stand with hanging head. Luke would shout and curse and slap her with the ends of the reins. She would gather herself together, shortening her length, and begin to back. Luke would then use the butt of his whip, hammering her haunches. She would plunge, ramming her rump to right and left, trampling her feet, which seemed to become entangled. The buggy would be pushed first to one side and then the other. After a mighty flogging, Luke leaning over the dashboard and lifting his arms high, she suddenly would spy the open end of the bridge, an escape, like the exit of a cave, and make for it with plunging gallops.

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"You know what I'm takin' it for."

He wrapped the lash about the handle and held the whip by its smaller end. The weighted handle made a brutally effective club.

Ruby Ann drew away from him on the seat. The embroidered hem of Baby's christening robe lay along his serge pantaloons, and she pulled it away as if it lay on something unclean. "Luke, you hit Blossom with the milkin' stool last night."

"Well, what if I did? She was switchin' her tail in my face, wasn't she? That will learn her not to switch her tail in my face. Somebody's got to learn 'em, don't they?"

"She didn't know she was switchin' your face, Luke. She was switchin flies, that's what she was doin'."

"I don't know what she thought she was doin', but she's got to learn she can't switch her tail in my face."

Fanny trotted onto the bridge. "See," said Ruby Ann, "she's goin' nice."

"That's what you always say, she's goin' nice. When she gets past that new post she'll stop goin' nice. She'll stop and ask for it."

Pigeons which roosted in the beams flew about with beating wings. An owl, in the shadowy angle near the roof tree, let out a petulant quaver. The echoes returned these sounds with hollow intensity as when one shouts into a rain barrel. Fanny's trot slowed to a walk, the walk shuffled to a standstill. Luke ran his hand along the doubled reins. He moistened his lips.

Ruby Ann put her hand on his arm. "Don't you be sloggin' her, still wet with James John's christenin' water. It's a sin against a sacrament. It was an act of God. That christenin' water fallin' on old Fanny. Who are you, Luke Sperling, to say creatures are outside salvation. Them things don't happen by accident. It was an act of God." She had raised her voice to a shout, and reinforced and given a sonorous solemnity by the echoes, her voice rang out, passing through the open upper sides of the bridge, which were like windows crossed by two-by-sixes that made a row of X's, and caused two Sunday fishermen on the rocks below to lift their heads and look up to the bridge.

Luke looked at Ruby Ann strangely. A baffled expression appeared on his face.

Fanny's ears twitched nervously. She was waiting for the first act in the drama, for the slapping reins and the cursing.

The fishermen called up. "Anything wrong? Need a helping hand?"

"Mind your own business, and I'll mind mine," Luke said.

For several minutes there was silence. Luke stared at the old horse. He stole a glance at Ruby Ann. He had a surprised, puzzled, irresolute expression. The sweat came out on his brow. In his upper coat pocket was a white handkerchief which he had not expected to use, but which Ruby Ann had put there, its corners showing, because it was Baby's christening. He pulled out this handkerchief and wiped his face.

The pigeons which had flown out the windows and circled over the river in a spiral flock now came back fluttering singly to their perches. In the long stillness came the sound of hooves along the road. Some church-goer was overtaking them. "Deacon Prattle, likely," murmured Ruby Ann.

Slowly Luke put the whip back in its holder. "Here." He gave the ends of the reins to Ruby Ann and jumped over the wheel to the floor. He walked to Fanny's head, not looking at her, as if ashamed of his surrender. He took her by the bridle. She tossed her head, made an uncertain trampling with her enormous feet, and walked slowly forward, led by the hand on her bridle until she reached the open road.

Luke climbed into the buggy. Ruby Ann was smiling faintly. Luke eyed her sharply to see if the smile was one of triumph. It was rather as if she gazed with parted lips at some delightful scene in the distance. He took the reins from her. Still looking far away, she put Baby back on her right arm. Smiling faintly she spread the hem of the christening robe over Luke's pantaloons.

"Look at that chawfinch," she said. "It's the first I've seen this season. It's like a yellow rose. A Persian rose, like those in Ma's garden. Bloomed up and down the stalk like holyhocks, them roses did."

Luke swallowed several times, and said as if he were thinking of something else, "It's a pretty bird, but it's song ain't nothing much."

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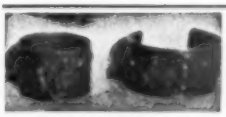
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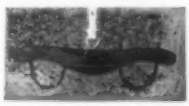
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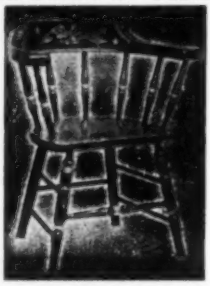

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How to be an Author

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the impression that they are being pried out of you.

If by any freak of circumstance or tired blood, you ever tiptoe over into the enemy camp AND WRITE, one short free-verse poem a year is par for the course. If you find you just can't help yourself and do this, join the local Poetry Club at once. It will pull your writing up short, and if you play your cards right you can parlay it into a reputation as a poor-man's Byron with white sidewalls and pushbutton adjectives.

I would be remiss in my duty, here, if I did not underline this defection as a pitfall. To illustrate, I cite the example of a former pupil of mine who wrote that first, dangerous poem. Next, he was seized with an impulse, which sedatives would not allay, to write more. He began to write Letters to the Editor.

He started small with his local newspaper—carping, fault-finding letters anent waste, graft and chicanery in public works projects and charitable institutions. He wrote in a broken-English, blood-pressure style and was shrewd enough to cultivate natural talents for being pointless and long-winded. Naturally he was a smashing success overnight. But he could not leave well enough alone.

From newspaper sniping, he progressed to magazines. He began to take exception (entirely imaginary and without foundation) to details in pieces by top scientists, specialists and biographers. The ensuing pyrotechnics with which outraged authors furnished the editor's column in rebuttal, often for months, seemed to be an electric

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pad on the Charley horse in this poor fellow's soul.

He had tasted blood and plunged recklessly ahead. Toward the end, he was writing testimonials for a correspondence course in hotel management. This excess finally striped his creative gears, and he eventually dwindled away in an institution with cirrhosis of the psyche muttering, "No discipline. If I had only joined Poets Anonymous while there was yet time!"

This case is a brutal example, but I use it because it can demonstrate graphically to you what can happen to an Affected Author who eschews first principles — AND WRITES. Its message is plain.

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She served as assistant to the president and as freshman dean at Rockford College for two years. At Columbia she next garnered an M.A. degree. Soon after being sworn into the Naval Reserve she became public relations officer—at the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School (W) in Northampton.

An 11-year interval followed while she took the reins as the Navy's fourth Director of the Waves. She is seen here in that capacity, congratulating Dr. John T. Dailey, naval psychologist, for his suggestion that the Waves' mechanical test for recruits be revised.

Recently she resumed the academic pattern of her life, becoming special assistant to the superintendent of the US Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., and assistant to the dean for academic matters.

At the same time strong ties bind her to New England. She is an alumna trustee of Mount Holyoke College.

She has received two high academic awards: (1) Honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Rockford College; and (2) a citation from her alma mater as one of its most outstanding alumnae who distinguished herself in the field of human relations.

Dorothy P. Rowe

by Ora Dodd

Talented Quilter

Edith Spear shows an example of her work, a quilt in the Star and Crescent design.

Without advertising of any kind, the word of Mrs. George H. Spear's quilting ability has spread. A friend tells a neighbor who writes to a friend that she knows of a talented quilter. So commissions from all over the country arrive at the big, old-fashioned house on Colrain Road in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Edith Spear, tall, cheerful, outgoing, had busied herself with various handcraft hobbies until, in 1935, she saw a very fine patchwork quilt, and was inspired to make one herself. She taught herself quilting, and made her first quilt—unaware that her new hobby would lead her into a career at the quilting frame. During the 27 years since, she has never lost her enthusiasm for designing and making quilts and quilted articles, and her husband has never ceased to admire and encourage her talent.

Quilters are rare nowadays, Mrs. Spear explains modestly, but her work makes it evident that customers would seek her out, even if quilters were plentiful. She applies imagination, ingenuity and an up-to-date point of view to all her quilting projects.

A challenge stimulates her, but even she was somewhat staggered by an order which came through a decorator, for two quilts in a pattern which could never be duplicated. After all, quilters are canny, and can duplicate almost anything. Mrs. Spear solved the problem by designing many-pieced star-like flowers on a plain background. Each tiny piece was different, for each came from a decorator's miniature sample books, small swatches of English glazed and unglazed chintz.

Not far away in Pioneer Valley, a writer of artistic taste designed a beautiful house, with windows looking out on vistas of woods and hills. Her order was of the sort potentates used to give: she told Mrs. Spear that she wanted always to be able to see green trees from her bedroom picture window. Mrs. Spear designed a valance and soft green draw curtains, with trapunto quilting in a tree and flower design. Only when the curtains are drawn and the light shines through them is the design of graceful trees revealed.

Sun In Water

ALAN WATTS

This is the end of the world.
Here far off the fog-cloud
Gives no horizon for thought to slip over
With the sun,
On, on, Westerdown,
Searching in a circle
Where the world is round,
And beyond every end—
Skyline, tree or cloud line—
Seeking a threshold of escape
For the restless run
Of the mad feet of hope,
Following the sun.

This is the end, always.
Here, perpetually, the cormorants
Flickering fly,
The running asterisks
Low along the sea.
And out,
Far out and high
Upon the cloud-screen,
Eight pelicans roam
To the bird rocks,
Monoliths alone,
Foam ringed,
Spray dusted,
Whereabouts unknown.

Down—where the winds are solid,
The sky green,
And space all flaws
Twisting the light,
Where the sun's weaving strings
Net, but never catch,
The gliding fish.
Down—to the pebble floor,
The ground foundation
of water convulsions
And bird-spanned light,
The ancient mosaic of magnificent nonsense—
Yellow brown, yellow white,
Scatter dotted green black,
Screen for the shadow dance
Of fish and sun.

This is the Ground,
This is the world's End,
The Center which the mad feet
Go running around,
Searching in a circle for an end unfound.
This is the End before beginning is begun—
Yellow brown, yellow white,
Scatter dotted green black,
Screen for the shadow dance
Of fish and sun.

Poetry

The Voyagers

ERIC BARKER

On the road to the asylum
O listen to the leaves,
The heart's nostalgic shade,
The farewell song.

Above the trees, the roof
Of the dark-minded house
Is full of birds and sun,
Bright ministers of grace

And kindness left behind
When the attendants come—
Confined obedient faces
With knowing eyes and smiles,

As if they knew the way
(When the mind breaks bounds)
To follow and bring back
From islands never found,

Those voyagers from so far
Their epic wanderings
Run sleepless till they fall
Within the reach of hands

That circumscribe the air
For the brave mind to breathe,
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Where fearful strangers thrive.

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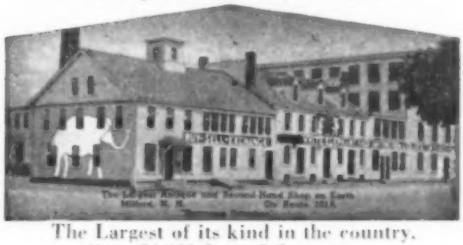

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